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TODAY'S WEATHER: Light or moderate southeast winds; showery, but mainly fair this afternoon.
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ANNIHILATION OF OLD CITY DEFENDERS

Jews Win
Jaffa

Arabs Dynamite Four Jewish Buildings

REPORTED AMERICAN LOAN FOR ISRAEL

Cairo, May 25.—The "complete annihilation" of Jewish defenders in the old city of Jerusalem was declared near tonight in a broadcast from Amman where Arab state leaders deliberated the United Nations cease fire appeal.

The broadcast, by the British-controlled Near East Radio, quoted a communique by the Trans-Jordan Army and said large scale Jewish night attacks to relieve the besieged men in the old city again had been repulsed. "Considerable casualties were inflicted on the Jews during their retreat. The besieged Jewish quarter is on its way toward complete annihilation," the communique said.

An Associated Press dispatch from inside Jerusalem's old city said Arabs dynamited four buildings in the Jewish quarter, possibly burying many Jews. The dispatch said the bodies of 15 Jews were left behind where they made a half hour moonlight attack in an effort to reach the troops cut off inside the old wall.

The Arab Legion claimed finally to have conquered massive Notre Dame Hospice, just outside the old city's northwest corner, after a week's bitter fighting. The Legion also said it captured the Italian Hospital at the opposite end of Saint Paul's Road.

After eight days of fighting in the city, the Arab Legion and Jews showed no signs of ceasing fire. A hint that the Arabs would refuse to go along with the UN Security Council's latest cease fire order, unless the Jewish state quits functioning, was seen in a statement by Fares el Khouri, the Syrian delegate at Lake Success.

ARABS DELIBERATING

(In Washington the State Department announced American representatives in Egypt and Syria had been instructed to advise the two governments that a blockade of Palestine would not be recognized.)

The Arab-Polish Committee meeting in the Trans-Jordan capital, had until 5 p.m. GMT on Wednesday to reply to the UN Security Council demand for a cease fire. The Arabs had requested 48 hours extension of the original request that fighting stop by 5 p.m. GMT on Monday. A dispatch from Jerusalem said Jewish sources expect a major Arab offensive before the 48 hour truce appeal extension has run out. A Jewish spokesman was

quoted as saying, "The Arabs want to win a major victory which would strengthen their hands internally and externally."

A Haganah communique said tonight that Jerusalem was bombed from the air this afternoon.

LOAN FOR ISRAEL

London, May 25.—The United States, first nation to recognize the provisional Government of Israel, today tentatively approved a loan of \$80 million to \$100 million to the new-born state fighting for its life in the 11th day of the Arab invasion.

News of the loan was announced by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel President, after a 30-minute conference with President Harry S. Truman in Washington.

Meanwhile, the Jews still holding out against the Arab onslaught in Jerusalem, awaited news of the Arab rulers' decision in Amman, Trans-Jordan, on the cease-fire call by the United Nations Security Council.

Amid a battle of troops in the fledgling Trans-Jordan capital the Arab leaders drafted their reply in a 90-minute meeting at noon, and

afterwards lunched with King Abdullah and Emir Abdul Ilham, Regent of Iraq, in the Royal Palace.

No statement was issued to the press, but it was indicated the reply was being sent to Fares el Khouri, Syrian delegate at Lake Success.

A report from Cairo states that the Arab states reply to the Security Council's cease-fire order in Palestine, which the Arab leaders are discussing at Amman, will contain three conditions for Arab agreement to cease fire:

- 1—Dissolution of all Zionist groups in Palestine;
- 2—Complete ending of immigration;
- 3—Non-recognition of the Jewish state.

EMBARGO REPEAL PLEA

Dr. Weizmann, President of Israel, who told newsmen that President Truman had tentatively approved a loan of between \$80 million and \$100 million, said the loan was subject to the working-out of details with various Government departments.

He also laid before the American President an urgent appeal for the immediate lifting of America's present embargo on arms shipments to Israel.

Truman agreed that the matter was "urgent," Weizmann declared, adding that he was "now hopeful" on the matter.

The frail President of the new Jewish state made these announcements at a press conference held immediately after his White House meeting with Truman. He summed up his visit as "satisfactory." He castigated the British Government for "undoing the work of Richard Coeur de Lion" by "leading Arab armies into Jerusalem."

Weizmann said Israel was seeking American aid to buy arms, start general reconstruction work and help to import about 15,000 displaced persons from Europe per month.

Israel wants to buy planes, tanks and anti-tank guns. Food, housing, transport and steamers are also needed for the refugees, he said.

He added that his request for the loan "was not in vain" and he quoted President Truman as saying: "there is no trouble about that because the Jews pay their debts."

THIRD SUBJECT

The third major subject discussed by the two Presidents was the formal recognition of Israel and the exchange of diplomatic missions.

"That will of course come," Dr. Weizmann said.

The Israel President spoke only briefly of the situation in Palestine, but expressed the belief that "some" of the Arab states will abide by the cease-fire order of the Security Council.

He said Israel forces were prepared to leave Jaffa and Acre as soon as hostilities ceased, but stressed that the Jews still felt that Jerusalem should be theirs although it was not allotted them under the partition plan.

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Chinese Reds Set Up New Administration

San Francisco, May 25.—The Chinese Communist radio announced today that the Reds have set up a united, "administrative region," with a population about as large as France, in seven North China provinces.

The broadcast from North Shensi did not call it a rival government for China, but it apparently was a step in that direction.

The broadcast was heard by the Associated Press in San Francisco. The new Communist set up will be called the "North China Liberated Area." The Red radio said it is composed of the major part of Hopeh and Shansi provinces, and part of Shantung province on the East, part of Honan on the south and parts of Jehol, Chahar and Suiyuan on the north.

The Government's and Communist Party's bureaus have been merged, and the two armies of that area have been placed under one administration.

The radio broadcast that "the North China Liberated Area contains China's fertile agricultural plains and rich coal regions."

SHENSI EXCLUDED

The areas, as outlined by the Reds, embrace all Communist holdings in North China except for those in Shensi province.

This omission may or may not be significant. North Shensi contains the old Communist capital of Yenan, which recently was recaptured by the Chinese Communists. The same broadcast announced the "triumphant return" of the "Yenan Border Region Government" to Yenan after an absence of 13 months during which Government troops occupied the city.

Before the Government seized Yenan, Mao Tse Tung, leader of the Chinese Communists, made his headquarters there. It is not known whether Mao himself has returned, but it is possible Yenan is being prepared to resume its role as a Red capital of Communist regions in the north which have grown tremendously in the past 13 months.

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Dies From Hiccoughs

London, May 25.—Mary Forbes, 18-year-old twin, died yesterday from the same violent hiccoughs that killed her sister Frances six weeks ago.

Mary became ill with hiccoughs eight days after her twin sister Frances died from an attack of hiccoughs in a hospital 50 miles away from her. Mary was rushed to St. Guy's Hospital, but died.

Doctors and the police pathologist do not know the cause of death of either twin.—United Press.

Chinese Jump The Gun

Excessive Orders For U.S. Cotton

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Jewish soldiers man a strong point on the border of the Jewish occupied area of Jaffa, the Manshieh district and the British-held area of the Arab city, after Irgun Zvai Leumi forces had attacked the section.—AP Picture.

Belligerent Soviet Administrator

Berlin, May 25.—Colonel Alexis Yelizarov, the Soviet Deputy Commander here, tonight adopted what was described as a "belligerent attitude" when protesting against the action of the three Western military governments in sending liaison officers to police headquarters in the Soviet zone of Berlin.

Col. Yelizarov declared at a meeting of Berlin Deputy Commandants that "these liaison officers have installed themselves without permission whatsoever."

The Soviet authorities have been placed in a position where they might have to take necessary measures to liquidate the abnormal situation which has been created.

AMERICAN RETORT

"This is a violation of the peace and order of the Soviet zone of Berlin."

Colonel William Babcock, the American representative, retorted that the United States Military Government proposed to send liaison officers into any building under control of the four powers where it was felt that there was need for liaison.

Brigadier E. R. Benson, Chairman and British representative, said "it is a very serious thing if the Soviet authorities are threatening to stop British representatives from going into the building of any organization under quadri-partite control. What measures do you propose taking?"

Colonel Yelizarov replied: "I have said all I am going to say."—Reuter.

CHURCHILL ACCUSED OF BEING A WARMONGER

Berlin, May 25.—The Deputy Russian Commander of Berlin charged today that Mr. Winston Churchill was "directing preparations for a new war."

Colonel Alexei Ivanovich Yelizarov of the USSR told a meeting of the four Allied Deputy commanders of Berlin that Mr. Churchill inspired the European Union movement, which "is working against Russia and the peoples' democracies."

He claimed that world opinion had named Mr. Churchill "warmonger."

Brigadier E. R. Benson, British Deputy Commander, said the epithet "warmonger" was a "malicious insult to Mr. Churchill."

Brig. Benson said Mr. Churchill was honored as "one of the main architects of victory... any libelous or slanderous attack on Mr. Churchill would be received with resentment by people all over the world who are still able to think for themselves."

He pointed out that as leader of the Opposition, Mr. Churchill was still a member of the British Government.

"Mr. Churchill is leader of the Opposition, which in Great Britain has not deprived him of his honours

Another Gruesome Discovery In Pond

Barnet, Hertfordshire, May 25.—The police dragged two severed human feet from the mud of a pond at Potters Bar, near here, today, uncovering one of the most gruesome mysteries in Britain for years.

The feet had been seen off just above the ankles. Also found were part of a leg and a piece of flesh.

The pond, which lies on Potters Bar's golf course, 15 miles north of London, revealed its first secret last Sunday when two boys found a human hand and parts of a pelvis.

The remains are believed to have been in the mud for at least six months.

The police tonight believed that the unknown was murdered, though the body may have been cut up by someone wishing to conceal an accidental death.—Reuter.

UNRELENTING INVESTIGATION

Blackburn, England, May 25.—Chief Inspector John Capstick of Scotland Yard said today that investigations into the recent series of children's murders would go on a 24-hour basis until the cases were solved.

"There is no time limit, no hours to the day," said Inspector Capstick in referring to police efforts to locate the brutal slayer of four-year-old June Devaney at Blackburn 11 days ago and an 11-year-old boy at Farnworth six weeks ago.

Inspector Capstick is in charge of both cases.

"That is a job that must be done thoroughly and that is how it is being done," he said.

Detectives were still taking fingerprints of 30,000 males living in the Blackburn area, in hopes that a set can be found matching prints on the hospital bed from which June was abducted before her murder.

COMBING GOLF COURSE

Meanwhile, the London authorities continued combing Potter's Bar golf course, where the right arm and pelvis of a male human were found last Saturday.

Fingerprint experts so far have failed to get an impression from the badly decomposed fingers. The medical authorities estimated that the member was crudely hacked off the body of a young man and thrown into the pond at the golf course about a month ago.

Police teams were draining other water hazards on the course today and checking the missing persons' list.—United Press.

Japan Asks For More Rice

Tokyo, May 25.—The Japanese Government will officially request more rice imports to balance the national deficit of 1,600,000 koku (7,936,000 bushels), Mr. Shindichi Katayama, Government Food Chief, said today.

He stated that the rice shortage was particularly acute in urban areas, but he was confident that supply and demand would be balanced by October.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Benefits Of The BIF

JUDGING from the reports received in Hongkong of the British Industries Fair which has just closed, three interesting facts were established: (1) that the demand for capital goods is still everywhere great; (2) that Britain, while capable of manufacturing some of the finest products in the world, is finding it difficult to execute orders, principally because of the continued shortage of steel; (3) that Hongkong Industries, by their presence at the Fair, have succeeded in attracting the attention of world buyers. So far as the impact of the BIF on British Industries is concerned, it must be considered in conjunction with the planned reduction in home capital expenditure programmes, initiated towards the end of last year to help build up the export drive. The BIF served primarily the same aim, and insofar that it proved to the world that Britain can turn out products of unsurpassed quality, the Fair achieved an important purpose. There still remains the problem of expanding output to a degree and in such a direction that the nation's economy will be able to make a full recovery. Figures indicate that this is slowly being realized are easy to find. For example, during 1947 the index for engineering, shipbuilding and electrical goods rose from 103 in the first quarter to 112 in the second, 115 in the third and 133 in the fourth, while the increase in the total for all manufacturing industries was from 95 in the first quarters to

120 in the fourth. Other interesting trends brought out in this analysis are that the production of textiles, which form an important element in the export drive, increased from 91 to 121, the four quarters, while vehicles went up from 92 to 115. The picture, though encouraging, continues to be shadowed by the limiting factor of steel, and it is admitted by Government officials, and industrial leaders alike that British Industries, despite the undeniable stimulus of the BIF, still face a heavy task to reach their export targets for 1948. Faced with nothing like the same problems of basic materials shortage, Hongkong Industries can consider their representation at the BIF as the best investment they have ever made. Firstly, the wide range of the Colony's products caught the imagination of the world buyers; secondly they were, apparently, equally impressed by the quality and workmanship of the goods on display. Markets which, hitherto, have been closed to Hongkong manufacturers and producers, because the potential customers possessed no idea of what we had to offer, are now open to rich possibilities, notably in South Africa. Accepting the glowing London reports about the Hongkong exhibition on face value, the Colony's manufacturers have good reason to feel well satisfied with their venture at the British Industries Fair, while the enthusiastic work of their representatives merits the fullest appreciation.

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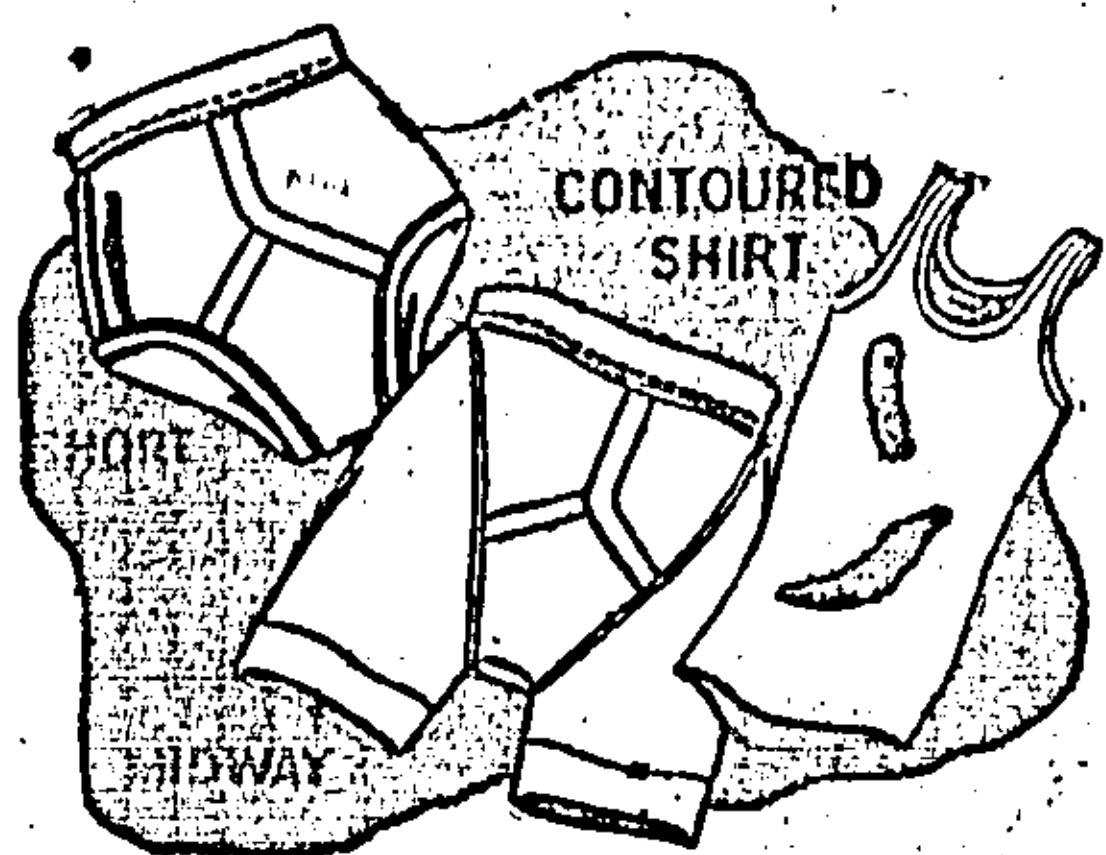
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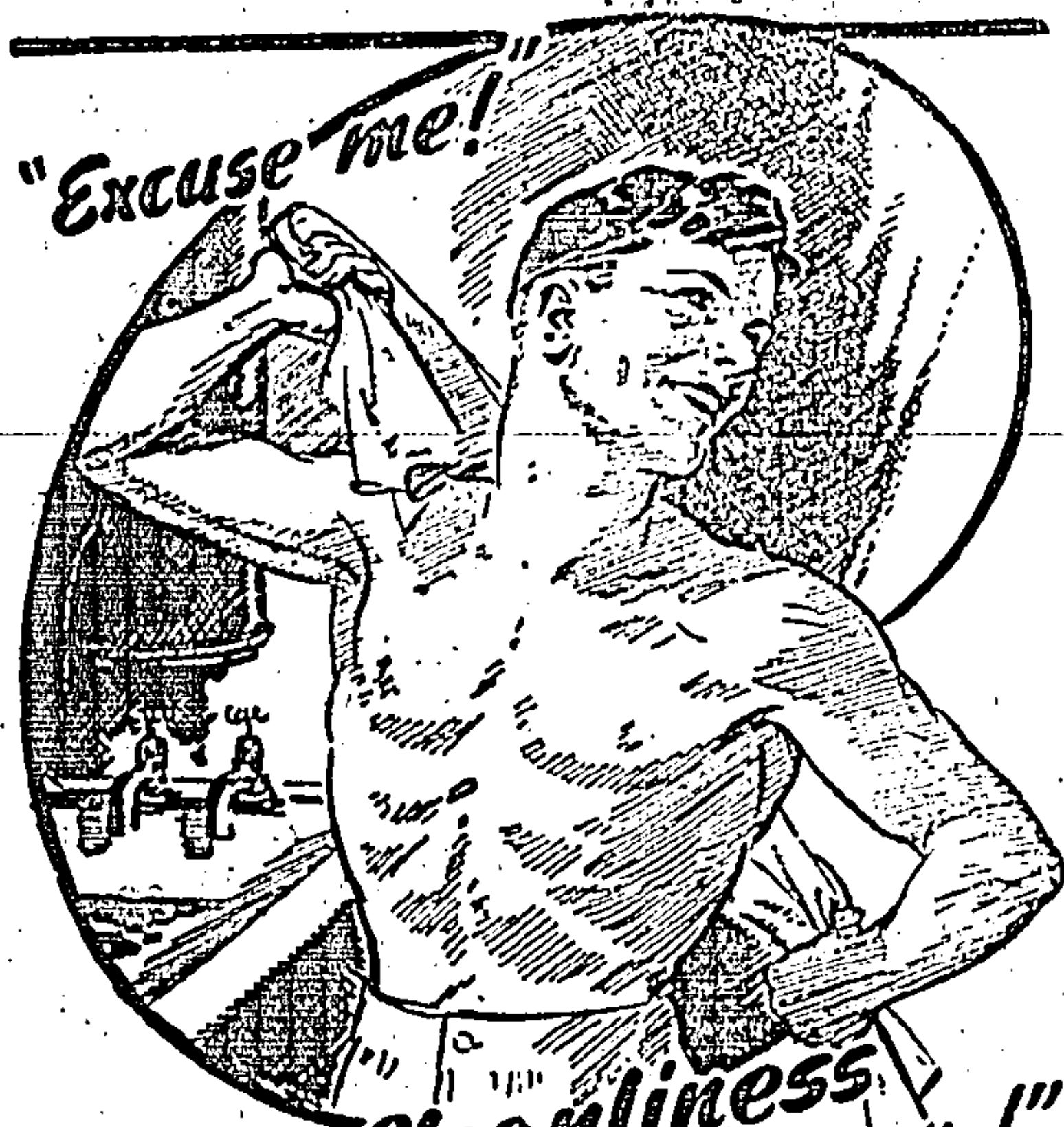
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WOMANSENSE

The Two-Piece Resort Dress



By ALICE ALDEN

THE one-piece model with a two-piece look continues to draw attention. Designed for resort luncheon and dinner wear, by a New York designer, the outfit shown here is a good example of this type of frock. The top is a blouse of sheer white crepe that fastens off-centre with pearl buttons, and is tucked on each side down the sleeves. The softly flared skirt is of green, blue and chrysanthemum ribbon print, and has a sash belt looped with long ends. It is typical of the ladylike, unobtrusively smart yet colourful clothes to be seen at summer resorts this year.

Around The Town with Mercia Hillary

MR Lau Tak-po, managing director of the Hongkong and Yau-mat Ferry Company, is having a party tonight at the Hongkong Hotel in honour of the marriage of his niece, Miss Maureen Lau, to Mr Samuel Milton Lam, which took place this morning at the Registry Office. About 100 guests have been invited.

HERE'S good news for fat men! No more dieting, nor caring what the wife has to say, because George Crilly (of Watsons) has a good idea. He is collecting names for a Fat Man's Club, and this promises to be one of the jolliest clubs in town. So far he has Eddie da Sousa, Robert de LaSala and Ernie Moses (and many names he couldn't give me on the spot) interested in his scheme. But—and here's the catch—George is determined that no one under a certain weight measurement will be eligible. He added, however, that such men as Mr Gingles (whose support he is anxious to enlist) will have no trouble at all.

DO you know that the Societe de Litterature et d'Art Français has been in existence here for a year, and has a membership list of more than 130 people, of different nationalities, who meet regularly each month for tea and to converse in French? Members of this Society have access to a library of almost 3,000 books in one of the rooms at the French Consulate.

CHECKING up on a rumour that a room was occasionally available for ladies at the Y.W.C.A., I found this, to my amazement, to be true. The secretary asked me to say that this was not always so, but at the moment there is place in a dormitory for two or three girls.

IT seems to me as though Watson's Mineral Water sections have missed something in not erecting a miniature bar at their Chater Road branch for thirsty passersby, who have to be satisfied with gazing at the rows and rows of thirst-quenchers and not a drop to drink.

HAVE YOU TRIED HAM-O-LAS?

DURING our recent visit to Hollywood the Chef and I passed an attractive little restaurant.

"Look," exclaimed the Chef. "They are advertising ham-o-las."

"Where do you see that?" I asked.

"It's right here," he said, pointing to the menu in the window.

I looked at the card. It read "Ham-o-las."

"That's new to me," I said. "Let's go in and find out what they are."

Luncheon Counter

We sat down at the luncheon counter. "Two ham-o-las, Mademoiselle," the Chef said to the attractive little waitress.

"Ham-o-las on two," she called to the man at the stainless steel griddle table. He deftly broke 2 eggs into a bowl, beat them up with a fork, added a little hot water, salt and pepper, then poured the mixture onto the griddle in the shape of two round omelets. Then he started two small thin slices of ham to broil. Next, from an aluminium pitcher he poured enough pancake batter to make four pancakes the size of the omelets. Deftly with a pancake turner he turned the omelets, then the pancakes. A spread of butter on the pancakes, and he put them together in pairs with an omelet and piece of ham in the centre.

The waitress set them before us, with a small pat of butter and a little pitcher of maple syrup for each plate.

"These are really a form of sandwich," remarked the Chef.

He cut off a piece. "Pancakes are a great American institution, and the recipe is a good one," he remarked.

"I'm sure our readers would like to serve them for brunch or supper on Sunday, or even for dinner," I said. "Only as they are made individually, they'd be difficult to serve to a family. But of course, the pancakes can be cooked in advance, and kept warm in the oven," I added, as an afterthought.

"And the omelets can be baked in a shallow egg dish instead of fried individually," the Chef suggested.

"And the ham can be minced to make it go a little farther," I concluded.

And so we gave you ham-o-las from Hollywood.

Hollywood Menu

Chili Bean Soup
 Sizzling Croutons
 Ham-o-Las
 Hot Broccoli Salad
 Sherbet Gelatin Fruit Cup
 Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level
 Recipe Serves Four

Chili Bean Soup

Pick over 1 pt. chili or pinto beans. Add 2 qt. boiling water; cover and let stand for 50 min. Then simmer until the beans are tender, about 2 hr. Take out 2 c. of beans to add to the soup when finished. Rub the remainder through a sieve together with the liquid. Measure and add an equal quantity of any kind of soup stock, or use liquid left from boiling ham, smoked tongue or corned beef. Add 1 tsp. sugar, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 1/4 tsp. powdered thyme or majoram, 1/4 tsp. sage, and 1 1/2 tsp. cold water. Simmer 20 min. Then cream together 1 tbsp. butter or margarine and 1 tbsp. flour. Add 1/2 c. hot soup and stir until blended. Return to the pot of soup, bring to a boil, add the whole beans and simmer 2 or 3 min. Serve in bowls. Top with croutons. Mexican pottery bowls are both attractive and appropriate.

Sizzling Croutons: Cut white bread into small dice. Slow-fry in butter or margarine until golden brown, turning occasionally so they

will not burn. Dust with a little paprika and serve piping hot.

Ham-o-Las

These consist of two parts: wheat pancakes and individual ham omelets. They are prepared as follows: Make 2 saucer-sized plain wheat pancakes for each person to be served. Then prepare a 1-egg minced ham omelet of the same size for each person. Butter the pancakes and put together sandwich fashion with the 1-egg omelet. Serve with melted butter or marinade poured over. Pass maple syrup, if desired.

1-Egg Tam Omelet: Break as many good-sized eggs as may be desired into a bowl and beat until very frothy. Add 1 tbsp. boiling water for each egg, a little salt and pepper, and 2 tbsp. fine-minced cooked ham for each egg. Have saucers or shallow egg dishes of the same diameter as the pancakes, buttered and heating in the oven. Divide the omelet mixture into them, using 1/2 c. of the mixture to each saucer. Bake about 8 min. in a hot oven, 400 F.

THE KITCHEN FRONT

—by—

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Hot Broccoli Salad

Bowl

Steam-boil or pressure cook 1 1/2 lb. broccoli as usual. Drain well and keep hot. Pour over 1/2 c. plain or tomato French dressing. Reheat a sprinkling of fine-chopped hard cooked egg or nut meats.

Trick of the Chef

To make ice cream go a long way, make a sherbet gelatin fruit cup. Just prepare 1 package raspberry gelatin according to directions, half fill sherbet glasses and chill until firm. To serve, hollow out the gelatin, pulling it around the edge of the glass, and fill with a big tablespoon of ice cream or lemon or lime sherbet, and top with a mixed fruit cup mixture including oranges and fresh or canned raspberries, strawberries or stoned cherries.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Pixie O'Scowl Was Very Cross

—He Never Had Time to Relax—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow children with the turned-around names, were sitting on the garden wall, when they heard a voice saying: "Work, work, work—nothing but work, work, work." They recognised the voice as belonging to their friend, Pixie O'Scowl.

Sure enough, on looking behind the raspberry bush they found Pixie O'Scowl sitting disconsolately on a white pebble. "He's got frowns all over his face," whispered Hanid to her brother. "He's in very bad humour." Pixie O'Scowl is always in bad humour," said Knarf.

At this moment Pixie O'Scowl soiled his own visitors and two or three of his frowns disappeared as he grumbled: "Good morning."

"Good morning," returned Knarf and Hanid cheerfully.

In Advance

"I suppose you've come to ask me to do something. I'm warning you in advance that I'm not going to do it. I've done enough work for one day. Goodbye!"

But instead of going, Knarf and Hanid set down beside him and asked him what he had been doing to make him so tired of working anymore.

"What have I been doing?" growled Pixie O'Scowl. "What haven't I been doing? I was wakened up at dawn to pry open a Morning Glory that had got stuck. Then, just as I was about to sit down to breakfast, along came a butterfly with a broken wing that I had to patch up. And then, right after breakfast I had to go around to the daisy patch and sew back a thousand petals that had been torn off the afternoon before by some children—who were playing. 'She loves me—She loves me not.'"

"And then," Pixie O'Scowl continued, "I had to walk round and round a field looking for three young Sparrows that had fallen out of their nest, and sling them over my back and carry them one by one up the tree and back to their nest. By now I was good and tired, but did I get any rest?"



Pixie O'Scowl was sitting with his head in his hands.

"Did you?" asked Hanid. "I did not," shouted Pixie O'Scowl. "Along came an absent-minded squirrel—"

"An absent-minded squirrel!" exclaimed Knarf.

Lost His Acorns

"The most absent-minded squirrel in the world," said Pixie O'Scowl. "He had forgotten where he had hidden his acorns. I had to go poking into every buttercup and daisy and dandelion; yes, and behind every thistle."

"And did you find them all?" Hanid wanted to know.

"All but one," replied Pixie O'Scowl. "But I'll look for that one ten or fifteen years from now, and I'll know just where to find it." "How?" exclaimed Knarf and Hanid astonished.

"When I see an oak tree growing in the middle of the field, I'll know that was the acorn that we never found."

"And are you going to rest now, Pixie O'Scowl?"

"Rest? I should say not. You see this pebble I'm sitting on? Do you know why I'm sitting on it?"

Knarf and Hanid said they didn't know.

"It's the chimney of a beetle's house. He lives right underneath. I'm sitting on it to keep it from rolling away!"

And as Knarf and Hanid walked off, they heard Pixie O'Scowl's voice still saying: "Work, work, work!"

Tips For Teener Speech Makers

BY JULIA W. WOLFE

It takes a lot of courage to make your first public speech, but after that it is easy.

Dozens of men and women dodge clubs and societies because they know—if they are members—they may be called upon and expected to "say a few words." To dodge anything is to acknowledge defeat, whereas to meet a situation is an important step toward success.

To prepare an address is simple, if done systematically. Here are some suggestions from a person who, by following them, won a high place in a national contest:

1. Jot down at random your personal opinions on the subject, for this prevents your talk from being stereotyped and gives it personality. Be sure to do this before you get impressions from other people or from reading matter.

2. Determine how long your speech should be.

3. Decide upon the general way in which you will express yourself—whether you will be formal (in which case you must omit slang and wisecracks), semi-formal or brief and businesslike. Whatever style you choose try to present the most hopeful and constructive facts.

(Continued tomorrow)

Rupert helps Dr. Lion—47



With a sign of relief the Wise Old Goat opens the door of the fortress and takes Rupert inside. "It's lucky for us that the snow hasn't melted," he says. "I shouldn't like to have had to walk up from the forest." "This was a wonderful journey," says the little bear. "I do hope I wasn't very heavy on your back." After giving him a good supper the Wise Old Goat puts one of the sun-bottles on a tray and, using it as a brilliant candle, takes Rupert upstairs and puts him to bed.

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Business Unusual



BY FRED HARMAN

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



EX-KING AND A YOUNG ADMIRER—Former King Michael of Rumania pauses during a sightseeing tour of New York to sign an autograph for four-year-old Sylvia Alvarez. Latest reports say the ex-King and Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma will be married shortly in Athens.



CASE OF THE MISSING SINGER—Maria Gatica, Hollywood night club singer, who disappeared for four days, told newsmen that she solved her problems while working as a housemaid. Torn by the dilemma of a career and an expected baby, Maria decided to forsake her career for the baby.



DISMANTLING OF A GIN STILL—Bathub gin gets a cleaning out as alcohol tax unit agents smash the equipment of an illegal still on a 40-acre truck farm outside Chicago. The barn housed a still that produced 400 gallons a day. The owner of the farm and one other man were arrested.



BATTLE PREPARATIONS—Two Haganah recruits hurl themselves upon a barbed-wire entanglement during infantry training near Tel-Aviv. After they mat the barbed-wire down with their bodies, their comrades use them for a bridge to rush through the gap.



HAPPY—That big smile Marilyn Monroe is wearing is because she was awarded a movie contract. A California product, Marilyn was formerly a model and magazine cover girl.



BIG JOB—Ladders are necessary when Johann K. Petursson is fitted for a new suit of clothes. He stands eight feet, eight inches tall, weighs 425 pounds and has a 60-inch chest. He is in New York to fill a circus engagement.

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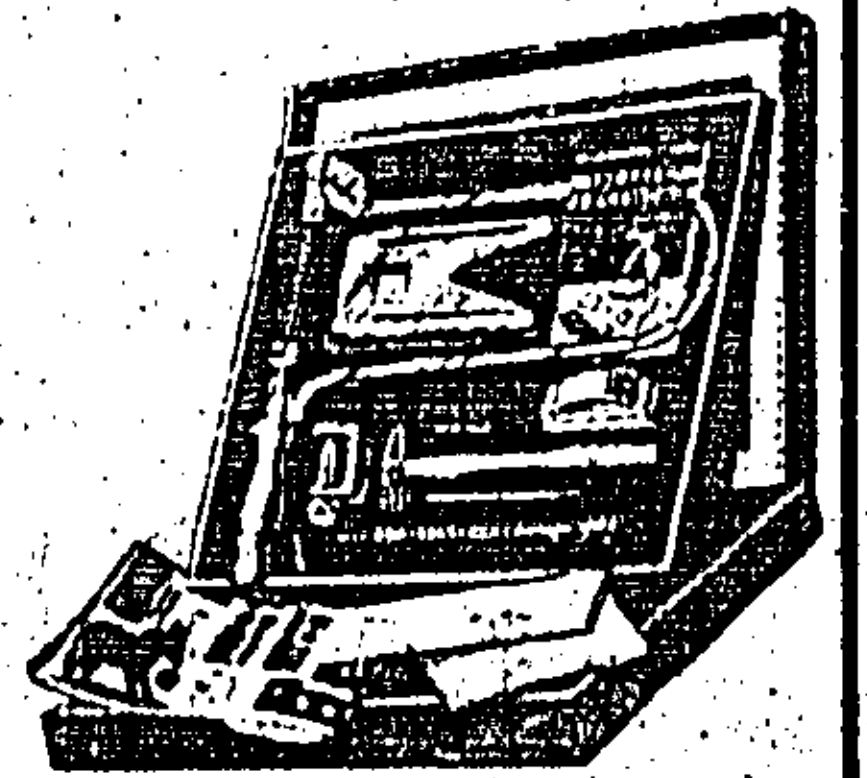
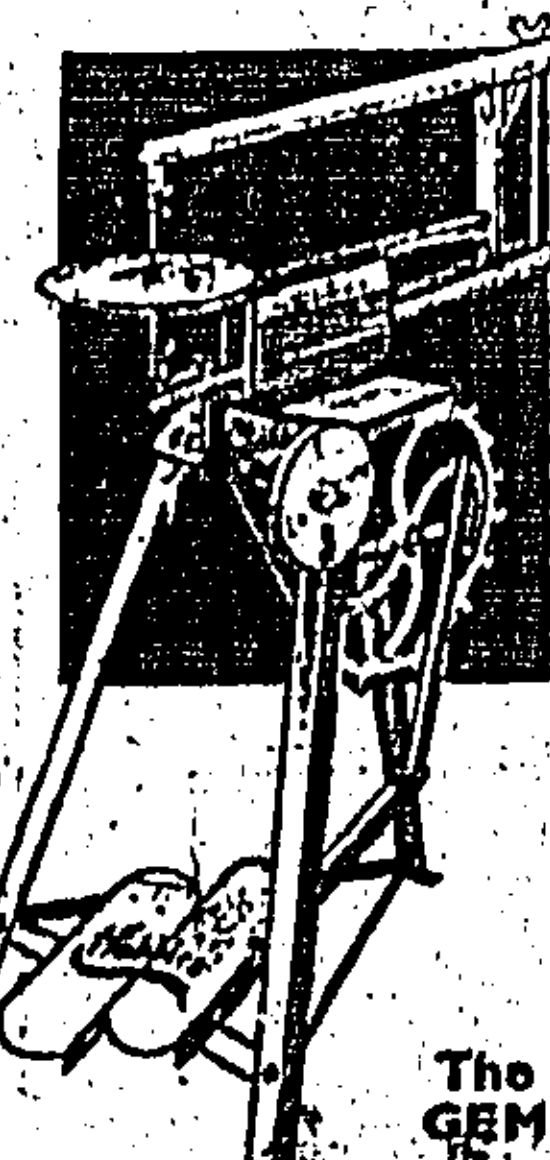
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PRIZE GLOVES—At the convention of glove-makers in Paris, these were two of the museum pieces displayed. Left: a young Hindu boy presents a pair of royal falconer's gloves made from buffalo hide. Right: Nicol Parent wears a glove that belonged to a famous Renaissance woman, Catherine de Medici. Made of suede, the glove is green in colour.

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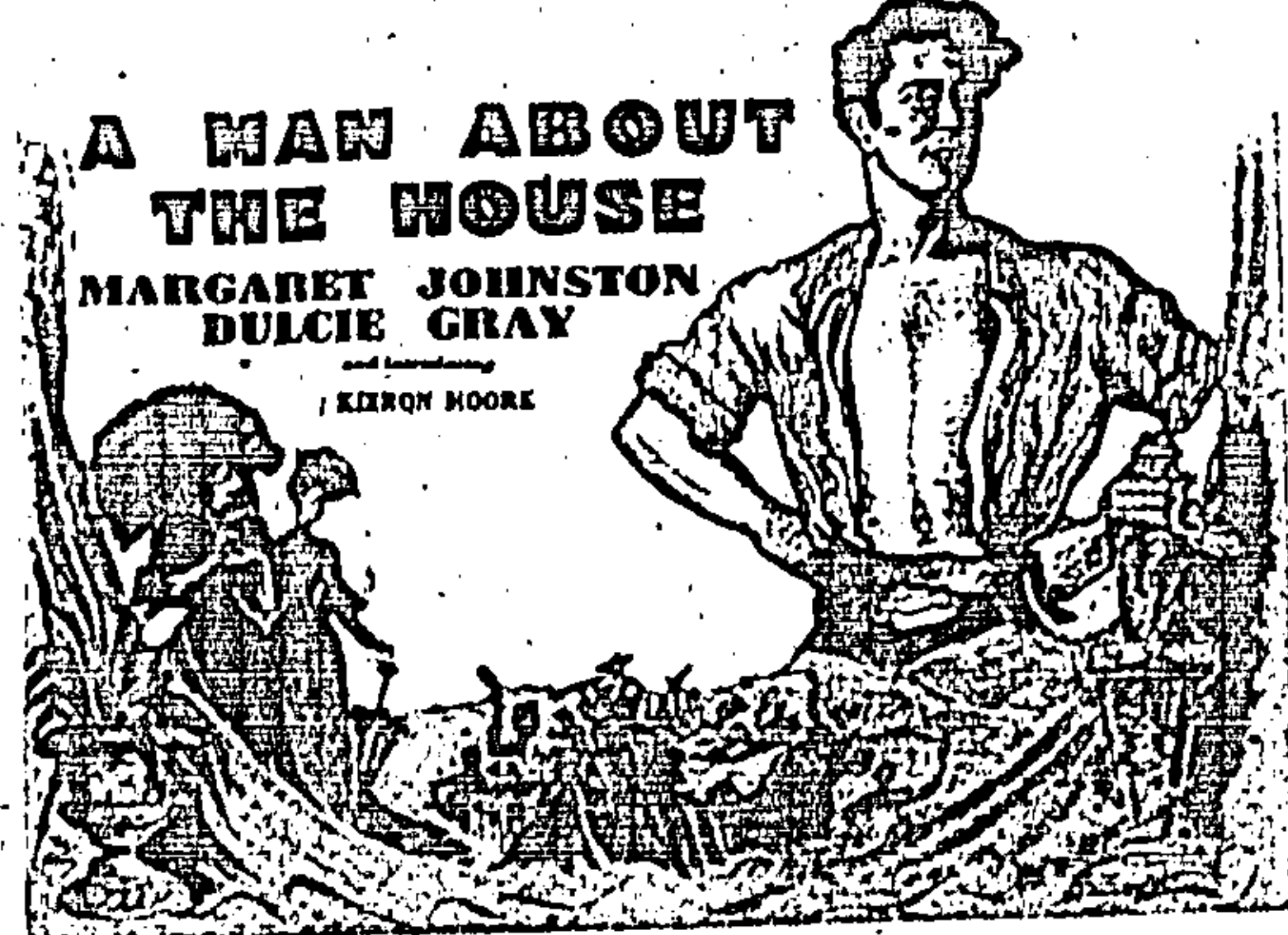
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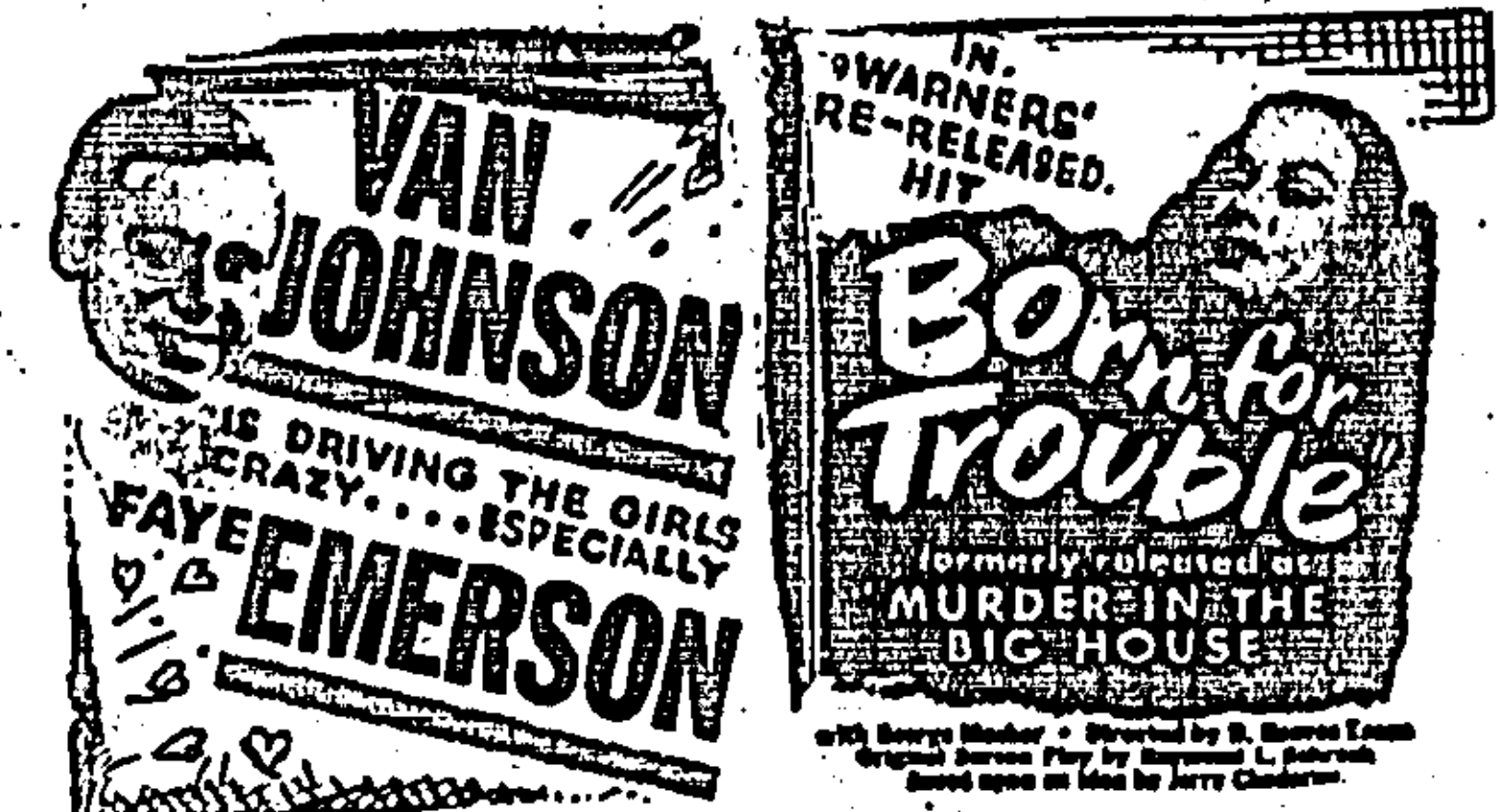
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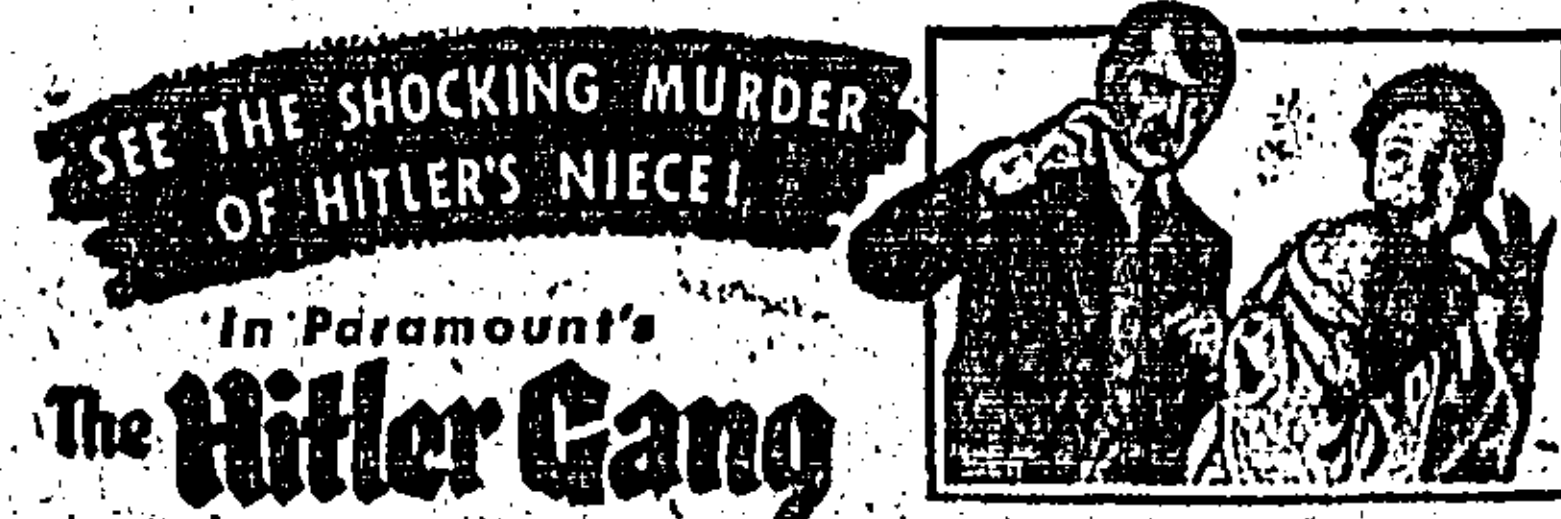
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know what I am doing."

Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

Sitting on the
Fenceby NATHANIEL
GUBBINS

SO far the voice of that well-known Fleet-street quack, Dr Gubbins, has not been heard on the new health service to begin in July. He thought he would let the B.M.A. shout itself hoarse before he offered his opinion. After all, they are qualified, and he is only a quack, though he would remind them that all people with new ideas are considered quacks or cranks in their time.

Long after they are dead duller minds catch up on them and the ideas conceived by the quacks and cranks become orthodox.

Then new quacks and cranks are born, are sneered at in their turn, and when they die the timid and unadventurous adopt their ideas. As with medicine, so with politics, art, literature. The world progresses through ignorance and prejudice to (one hopes) the final enlightenment.

Therefore, Dr Gubbins, with the largest practice and the cheapest fees in the world (more than 2,000,000 patients at 2d. a week) offers the soundest advice ever proposed to a suffering world. He offers a new idea on health which may one day be universal.

To those who are wondering what to do about medical attention in July, he says do without it altogether. Unless you are the victim of inherited disease, or unless you meet with an accident you don't need a doctor at any time.

All you need is some common sense and self-discipline.

First of all, don't worry, about yourself. What is the secret of spiritual health? Any bishop, who ought to know more about these matters than Dr G., will tell you (or ought to tell you) that the secret of spiritual health, and therefore happiness, is to forget yourself.

Stop asking yourself, "What is going to happen to poor me?" and nothing very unpleasant will happen to you. But go on asking the question, not only musing it to yourself, but to other people, and Dr Gubbins can prophesy something unpleasant that will happen to you. You'll get a great thump on the nose from somebody who can't stand your whining any longer.

Forget that body

IT'S the same with your body. Forget your body. Surely it's ugly enough, isn't it? Hardly worth remembering, hardly worth worrying about all day and half the night?

If you don't believe your Doctor G., strip and have one good look at your body in a full-length mirror. Then try to forget it, if you can.

Consider for a moment how much time and trouble you have spent on that body you are trying to forget.

Most of your walking life has been wasted in washing it, clothing it, warming it, cooling it, feeding it, indulging it, and working so that you will have enough money to wash it, clothe it, warm it, cool it, feed it, and indulge it.

And if you are a man and marry another body you will have to work harder to wash, clothe, warm, cool, feed, and indulge the body you have married.

Do I have to tell you, that if you have children you will have more bodies to wash, clothe, feed, and so on?

Perhaps not, but I think I ought to remind you that these bodies that you are washing, clothing, feeding, and indulging will soon be worrying about themselves, soon be making themselves ill with worry, soon be worrying you about it, and soon be yelling for a doctor. Unless they have broken their legs or they have caught some infectious disease (probably through their own fault), Dr Gubbins advises you to take no notice of them. They are probably suffering from nothing but self-pity.

You're a pig

THEN consider what you have done to this body since you grew up and had full control of it. How many times have you eaten too much, drunk too much?

Don't turn your head away in shame. Dr Gubbins is also guilty of self-indulgence, though he can honestly say he has rarely eaten too much. During the last eight or nine years he hasn't had a chance.

But what do you think is the cause of that indigestion you are always meaning about? Eating too much? Eating too little? Eating at the wrong times? Eating war-time bread? Monotonous diet?

No, it's worry. Worrying if you'll get enough to eat. Worrying if somebody else is getting more. Worrying if you're not getting your fair share. And, some of you, nibbling at the black market, worrying if you are.

In other words, you're a pig.

You're a stomach worshipper. You're an "I me." "I ought to have this." "What is going to happen to me?" "Me first, me second, and if there's anything left, me third." You're a "blast you, Jack, I'm all right," and I hope your indigestion gets worse and worse.

It certainly will, anyway. This is Dr Gubbins telling you.

Buy all the powders you like at the chemist's. Buy a stomach pump for all I care. You will certainly get relief. But you'll get no cure.

Cockney rhyming slang—salmon and trout—gout.

C.V.R. THOMPSON reports
the U.S. scene.

NEW YORK.

AMERICANS have got a warning from two quarters not to expect any bargain basement touring in Britain this year.

News magazine Time blamed the cost of living in Britain on the overvalued pound, and said that France is a better bet for the tourist wanting to save money.

The Wall Street Journal predicted that Britain might lose many dollar-spending tourists to France after they had spent just a day or two in Britain.

Reasons in addition to France being cheaper—"Food is skimpy and dull. Yankee trippers will miss whopping helpings of butter, choice cuts of meat, bacon and eggs. A second helping is unheard of. Vegetables are monotonous, salads lack imagination, desserts are dreary. The hotel room with bath is a luxury."

And the Wall Street Journal also promises its British-minded readers an hotel problem. It says "British hotels are filled with the British."

BECAUSE America is in the middle of an election campaign and her father is a candidate, Margaret Truman will not sing any more until after polling day in November. She is afraid she would be accused of singing for votes.

COMPLETE TEXT of a speech delivered in Congress by Congressman Frank Matthews—Mr Speaker, I hope someone will save

this country from some of the people in it who are trying to save the world.

IT was not enough that Washington had to head off a rail strike, a coal strike, and a possible strike of atom bomb workers; they had also to head off a woman.

Treasury boss John Snyder accepted a challenge from Government-hating Vivien Kellems, one of America's few women industrialists, over pay.

Miss Kellems sent Mr Snyder a note saying she was not going to act as an unpaid tax collector any longer, and that as far as she was concerned her workers would pay no more income tax.

Faced with a spreading revolt against the system, Snyder announced: We will use all our resources to deal with her.

THE FIRST British-made Ford to arrive in America to compete for dollars with American-made Fords. How they compete—the British model at £349 is the cheapest car, except Bentleys, in this country. The American model costs £375. The British model does 28 miles per gallon, the American 18. The British model is delivered in three weeks, the American in a year.

FASHION: New American makers of women's shoes are joining the New Look's backward march. Autumn styles will feature high-buttoned shoes, with buttons more decorative than useful.

QUEEN MARY IS 81 YEARS' OLD TODAY



1927: Honeymoon picture after the marriage on July 6. 1918: Queen Mary inspects a detachment of WAACS. 1938: With 12-year-old Princess Elizabeth.

The Royal tradition

by Dr. W. R. Inge

NEXT to the Papacy, the British monarchy is probably the most secure of all political institutions.

In other parts of the world hereditary sovereigns have had to pack up and go; there are hardly any of them left.

Queen Victoria's unpleasant old uncles gave the institution a shake. No tears were shed over the deaths of George IV or William IV. Queen Victoria herself was not very popular in the earlier part of her reign.

She was a power in the land, and determined to assert her constitutional rights, but in important matters of policy her Ministers often resisted her will.

Twice she intervened very wisely in foreign politics—once to prevent us from going to war with America in the sixties, and once to stop Germany from attacking France in 1875. In her later years, while power

slipped from her hands, her symbolic value increased enormously, and such affection and honour were lavished upon her as no British sovereign, not even Queen Elizabeth, had ever enjoyed.

She was raised above the controversies of politics, and became a sort of universal grandmother. To the British Dominions beyond the seas she embodied the Empire in its most acceptable form.

In India especially she was an object of reverence. How great the value of a living symbol of unity may be has been shown in the present year by the almost ecstatic welcome of South Africa to the Royal family.

When I was in Germany in 1911 I found that King Edward was looked upon as the bogy man. He was supposed to be chiefly responsible for a sinister policy of encircling Germany with a ring of enemies.

The Kaiser, after his death complained that "King Edward, who is dead, has more power than I who am alive." This notion was of course absurd.

The only foundation for it was that the King disliked his nephew and liked the French. There is no doubt that his tact and geniality during a visit to Paris at a time when our country was intensely unpopular in France was of great value in cementing the Entente Cordiale.

King George V. will live in history as one of the best of our sovereigns. This was not his opinion of himself. "I am a very ordinary sort of fellow," he said once. A king who can say that is not an ordinary sort of king.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who was likely to be well informed, told me what happened at the crisis of 1931. The Prime Minister, Ramsay MacDonald, came to the Palace about 10 p.m. He said to the King: "My party have forsaken me. Your Majesty had better send for Mr Baldwin." "No," said the King. "I don't want you to go. I want you to stay, as trustee for the poor. Come back tomorrow morning, and we will see what can be done. But now, you are overwrought. Go to bed."

The Archbishop thought that this "Go to bed" ought to live in the history of the time. Nothing has ever come to light to diminish the reverence and gratitude with which his subjects remember this King. Queen Mary, whose 81st birthday is today, must look back upon her long life with great thankfulness.

At the present time even footballers and cricketers must take a second place in popularity. The King and Queen and the young Princesses, snatched at every function which they attend, fill the newspapers and attract record crowds.

We are in the middle of a revolution, in which the words of the Magnificat about pulling down the mighty from their seats are being fulfilled more drastically than in the French Revolution. But the Royal family are not in the slightest danger of sharing the fate of Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette. The Crown is more popular than ever.

Loyalty is always symbolic. We do not really think that the National Anthem is a noble poem, or its tune good music. It is vastly inferior to the Marseillaise.

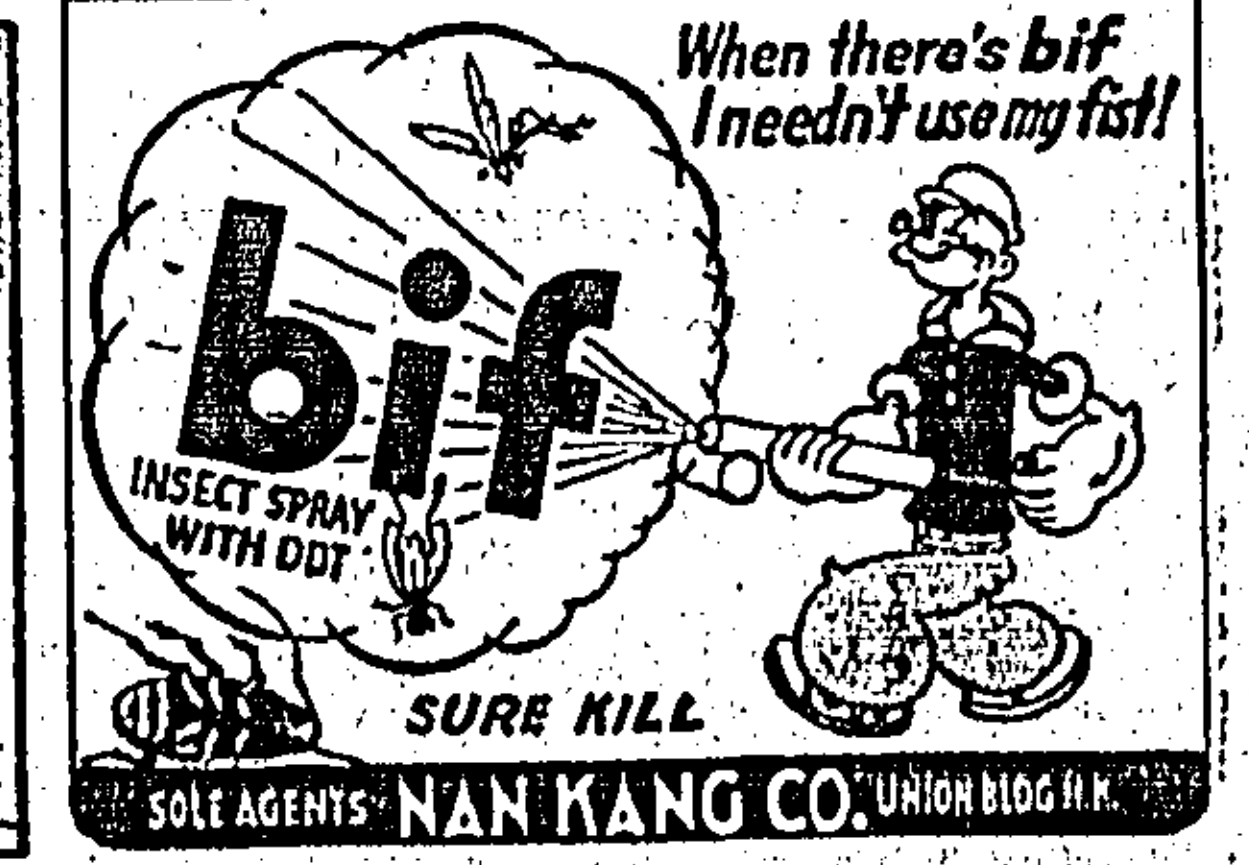
But when loyalty is attached to a human being, the necessary idealisation is easier and pleasanter, perhaps especially when the heir to the throne is a pretty girl.

We have a few curmudgeons who think that loyalty is all humbug, just as there are some who say that patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel. They are the kind of people whom one would like to see driven to their last refuge, with a kick in the pants.

NANCY Too Many Cooks



By Ernie Bushmiller



Wood Murder Trial

Accused's
Statements
Ruled As
Admissible

Certain statements alleged to have been made by accused were ruled as admissible by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Williams, following evidence adduced by the Prosecution and Defence, when the trial of three Chinese, charged with the murder of Lytton Bevis Wood on a path leading from Lion Rock to Shatin on the afternoon of February 11 continued at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Wood was found dead by his companion, George Ronald Hess, after they had both been attacked by a gang of four men while out for a hike in the Kowloon hills that day.

The accused are Lau Ho (alias Lau Yun-hoi), 20, unemployed, 11 Cheuk-kui, 20, unemployed, and Li Chung-chun (alias Li Chik-sang), 32, gardener, employed at 377, The Peak.

A Special Jury, comprising leading business and British and Chinese, is empanelled.

Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths, is appearing for the defence.

The prosecution is conducted by Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector H. T. Matches.

Li Chung-chun, third accused, said he was arrested on March 6, 1948. Three days afterwards he made a statement to Inspector Matches. Det. Sgt. Tam Chung had taught him what to say in his statement. Accused alleged that if he did not make a statement according to what had been taught him to say by Tam, he (the detective) would show him "something very severe." Tam had written down on a piece of paper what he would be required to say to the inspector.

ALLEGED RELEASE PROMISE

Although he did not know first and second accused, Tam questioned him about them. Tam asked if the first accused had carried a revolver and if second accused did the searching. As he did not know them he could not answer. The detective then said that if he would repeat what had been written down for him to the inspector he (accused) would be released. He then made a statement to Inspector Matches.

In the statement he was to say that first accused was holding a gun and second accused made a search. He was also told to say he had that day boarded the No. 11 bus to Kowloon City.

It took him about 90 minutes to memorize what had been written down by Tam Chung. When he first protested, Tam beat him until he finally agreed, accused alleged. Accused said he was beaten near the pit of the abdomen and the back. A sergeant struck him on the ear. He had complained to Inspector Matches about this before the statement was made.

Mr. Wright: What did the Inspector say?

Accused: When I complained to the Inspector, he asked me. If Tam Chung beat me and I said "Yes." Then he told me to sit down to make my statement.

POLICE COURT EVIDENCE

Cross-examined, accused said he told the Magistrate in the lower Court that the statement was a false one. He had also informed the Magistrate that he had been beaten. Mr. Lonsdale then read accused's evidence as taken in the Police Court at the time as follows:

"I did make a statement. I received such instructions from Tam Chung to make it. The statement was read over to me. Inspector Matches was present. I was asked whether it was correct. If I did not make a statement I was frightened. Tam Chung said he would beat me. Inspector Matches and the interpreter and I were present in the room when I made the statement. I made the statement and then I told the Inspector it was untrue. The interpreter was there and I told him, and then I signed it."

Accused told Mr. Lonsdale that when he refused to sign the statement, Tam Chung took him out of the room where he was beaten again. He was assaulted for about 15 minutes. He said that when he was formally charged with the robbery he had stated he had been assaulted. A Chief Inspector was present then.

Accused agreed that he made the statement because he was afraid he would be assaulted.

About half an hour after he had memorized the story he was to tell the Inspector, he was taken before Insp. Matches, accused said. Tam Chung said after the statement had been made nothing would happen to him (accused).

RECITING A LESSON

Mr. Lonsdale: It is just coincidence, then, that Tam Chung taught you answers to 13 questions which the Inspector put to you about this affair?

Accused: He taught me to say what I was to say just like a teacher teaching a schoolboy to recite a lesson.

Did you recite the lesson just like a schoolboy would?—Yes.

How does it come about that you knew the answers to the 13 questions?—I told the Inspector the whole story before the Inspector put questions to me.

I put it to you that you were neither beaten nor were you intimidated by words?—That's not so.

I put it to you the reason you made the statement was because you had been told the story you had given previously had been proved to be untrue?—No.

Mr. Lonsdale: submitted that the evidence of the three accused, was patently a tissue of lies.

PAULA By DENNIS WHEATLEY

Trial Recalls City
Gun BattleYOUNG CHINESE ON CHARGE OF
ATTEMPTED MURDER

A thrilling gun battle in the Western District in the early afternoon of February 4 last between a gang of alleged robbers and a party of Police was recalled before Mr. Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when a young man, Pang Hung, 19, unemployed, stood his trial.

Pang, a lightly-built man, scarcely over five feet in height, dressed in a white open-neck shirt and white duck trousers, is charged with the attempted murder of Detective C742, Chan Wing, attempting to shoot at Chan with intent to resist arrest, and with conspiracy, together with others not in custody, to rob.

Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ appearing for the defence, pleaded not guilty to the three counts. He entered a plea of guilty to a further charge of possession of arms and ammunition.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector G. E. Willerton, prosecuted. The Jury comprised four men and three women.

Four revolvers, together with numerous rounds of ammunition and other paraphernalia, lay on the Court table as exhibits.

THIRD STREET CHASE

Acting on certain information received, Det. Sub-Inspector Lam Yung-hon and a party of six detectives went to the junction of Third Street and Western Street about 2.45 p.m. on February 4, said Mr. Reynolds. Leading the party was Detective Chan Wing and an informer. Reaching the street junction, the informer pointed out a person wearing a black hat and black clothing. The man, on seeing the Police party, began to run. Chan and the other detectives chased him along Third Street towards Centre Street, and at the junction of Centre Street, the man in black turned and ran up Yu Lok Lane.

Chan followed closed behind, and at the top of the lane leading to the Lane saw the accused and another man (since dead) leaning against the wall. The man in black shouted a warning to them, and the accused and his companion were seen to put their hands in their jackets. Accused's companion pulled out a revolver and fired two shots at Detective Chan Wing, who immediately returned the fire and wounded that man and the accused, both of whom fell to the ground.

HIT IN ARM

Chan continued his pursuit of the man in black, leaving his fellow-detectives to deal with the accused and his companion. One of these detectives, Ip Sum, saw these two men lying in a pool of blood. The accused was then holding a revolver in his right hand, with his finger on the trigger, and pointing the gun at Chan's back. Ip Sum immediately fired at him, and struck him on the right arm, causing him to drop the revolver.

Ip picked up the gun and assisted Inspector Lam in searching the accused. In a jacket pocket was found 18 rounds of ammunition in a handkerchief. The accused was cautioned, and he admitted the revolver and ammunition were his. He also made some boastful remarks to the crowd which had by that time collected around the group.

Mr. Wright submitted he was satisfied there had been intimidation, especially so in the case of the first accused who had marks on the inside of the two fingers of his right hand. The doctor called by the Crown had said in his opinion these marks would have been caused in a manner which first accused had said in his evidence. As regards the scars there was nothing in their appearance which would tend to show that what the witness said was untrue. The appearance of the scars was quite consistent with these injuries having occurred that morning as first accused had said. There was this additional fact: when first accused was in the presence of Inspector Matches and Tam Chung he made his complaint. He also made a complaint about the pencil torture to the doctor. There was independent corroborative evidence in support of his allegations, and Mr. Wright submitted there was sufficient evidence to entitle his Lordship to reject his first statement.

Ruling the admissibility of accused's statements, Mr. Justice Williams said he was satisfied that they were made voluntarily and that no threat or promise had been held out to them at the time.

The original statements of the three accused were then read out to the Court by the Crown Counsel.

The trial is proceeding.

Later, in the lane where the accused and his companion had been standing, Ip found some wire.

The accused was sent to Queen Mary Hospital for examination and treatment, and at 9.45 p.m. that day, he was visited by Inspector Willerton who told him he would be charged with the unlawful possession of arms and ammunition. The accused at the time made a statement which was recorded by the Inspector and would be produced in evidence. He was discharged from Hospital on February 9, when he was formally charged with the offences alleged against him.

LOADED REVOLVER

Dr. George Choa, of Queen Mary Hospital, said he found two bleeding wounds, one in the right forearm and the other in the right calf muscle, when he examined Pang about 4.30 p.m. on February 4.

The Police Armourer, Sub-Inspector P. Penfold, testified to examining a revolver which he found loaded in six chambers and which bore evidence of having been fired recently.

Cross-examined, Inspector Penfold agreed that the rounds in the revolver had not been fired, nor had they been struck.

Detective Chan Wing, after corroborating the Crown's opening and adding that the Police party were proceeding to No. 13 Western Street, demonstrated, during cross-examination, how he fired at the accused and the manner in which the latter was standing at the time.

The Jury were also shown the marks on the accused's arm and leg.

The trial is proceeding.

**Annihilation
Of Defenders**

(Continued from Page 1)

"It is almost incredible that Jerusalem should be invaded by Arab hordes under Christian leadership," he declared in indirect criticism of the British.

REQUEST TO FRANCE

From London comes a dispatch that Britain had asked the French Government whether she considered the five Western Union powers should act together on Palestine, according to a Foreign Office spokesman tonight.

The spokesman confirmed also that Britain had asked the French Government to refrain from taking any initiative in the Palestine question while the "present negotiations" are in progress.

The spokesman refused to state whether that included an appeal to France not to recognise the Jewish State of Israel for the present. In political quarters in London it is believed that Britain did make such a request.

Washington, meanwhile, reports that the United States Government protested about the establishment of a marine blockade off the Palestine coast in strong notes to the Egyptian and Syrian Governments.

INVALID BLOCKADE

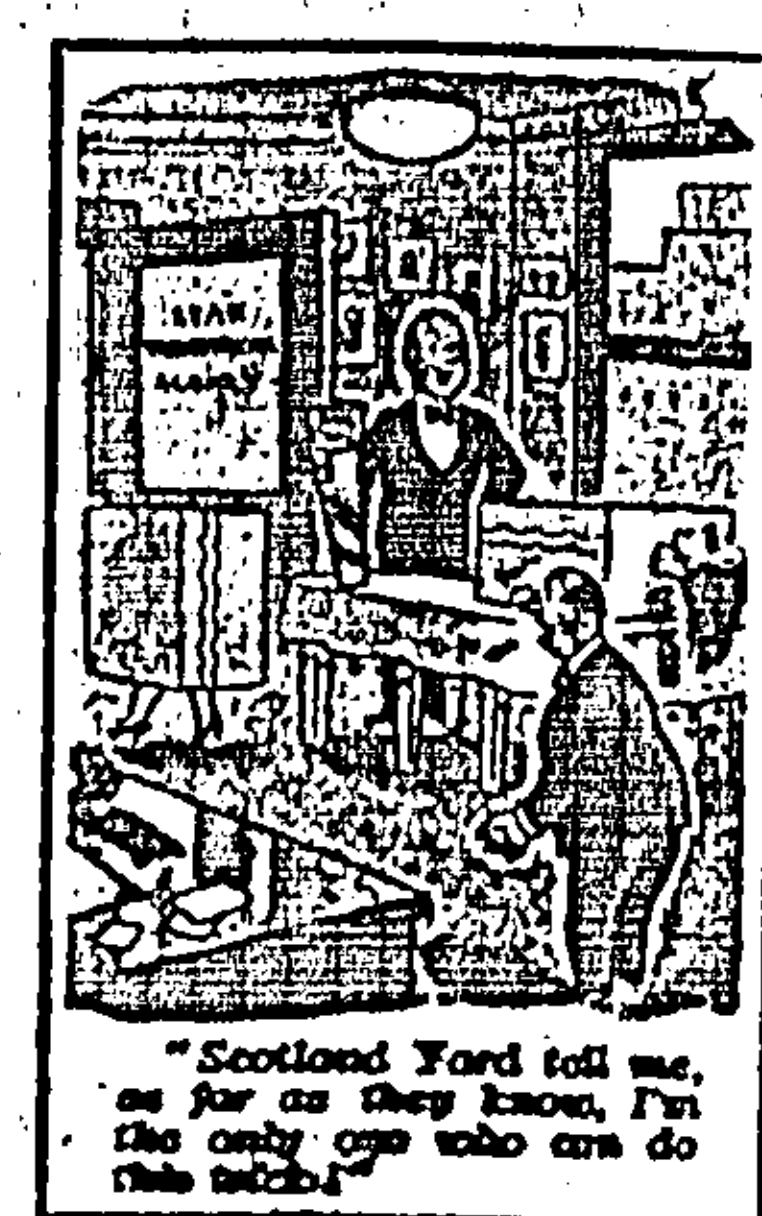
A State Department spokesman said the United States Ambassador in Egypt and the Charge d'Affaires in Syria had been instructed by telegram to lodge the protests with the two Governments, but that no replies had yet been received.

The diplomatic missions in both countries were instructed to state "that the United States Government cannot recognise the blockade as valid."

A delayed report from Jerusalem, in the meantime, states that the American Consul General in Palestine, Thomas Watson, and his communications officer, Chief Radio Engineer Herbert Walker, of Dallas, Texas, were buried yesterday with a simple ceremony in the Franciscan Convent of Santa Maria.

They were laid to rest only a few yards from where they were struck down and mortally wounded on Saturday by snipers' bullets.

Reuter.

Wife Kneels In
Court To Plead
For Husband

In spite of his wife kneeling before the Court and pleading for mercy, Fung Yat-cheung, 32, travelling trader, was sentenced to nine months and recommended for banishment by Mr. d'Almada at Central this morning for larceny of \$2,200 at the San Kwong Restaurant, 517 Des Voeux Road Central yesterday.

Wong Pak, seaman, said he was sitting back to back with defendant at the restaurant. They both had their coats over the back of their chairs. He kept his eye on his coat because he had a large sum of money in an inner pocket. While having his meal, he felt his pocket and discovered the money gone. Defendant told him that a shoe-shine boy had taken the money and had run downstairs with it. He went downstairs but could not see the shoe shine boy around. He became suspicious of defendant and challenged him. Defendant said he did not have the money but on being searched, it was found in his hip pocket.

Defendant said he picked the money up from under the table and intended to take it to the Police Station when he had finished his tea. He did not tell defendant that a shoe-shine boy had taken it. On being challenged, he produced the money at once. Complainant had over ten men with him and they assaulted him. He had a wallet containing \$70 and that was also taken from him by the men.

In sentencing defendant, Mr. d'Almada remarked that there were too many larceny cases in restaurants.

**Portuguese
Sent To Gaol**

Described by Inspector Brownrigg at Central to be a bad lot who should act together on Palestine, this morning sentenced by Mr. Hin-shing Lo to three months for theft of a wireless set belonging to Mr. E. D. A. da Rosa.

Inspector Brownrigg said Morales took the radio (valued at \$400) from 30, Village Road on May 22 during Mr. da Rosa's absence. He had no permission to do so but he told seven-year-old Eduardo Rosa that his father had instructed him to take the radio for repairs. Morales was arrested three days later outside 173, King's Road. The radio was found under the staircase of that address.

**Stole Sailor's
Shoes**

Two youths, Chu Yu-hau, 20, and Chan Chi-so, who admitted taking the shoes off a sailor, were recommended for banishment by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central. Chu was additionally sentenced to a month and Chan who had previous convictions and had been expelled, was given two months and six weeks.

Evidence was that AB Daniel Leed of HMS Hart felt dizzy and sick last Sunday so he sat down to rest on some vacant ground in Hennessy Road. Almost immediately he had a blackout and when he came to, he found his black leather shoes, US\$20 and Portugee, were missing. He was then arrested by two police officers and recovered the shoes but not the money.

In Court both accused denied taking the money. They said they took only the shoes.

Good Year
For Macao
Electric

At the thirty-third ordinary annual general meeting of the Macao Electric Lighting Co., Ltd., held in the board room of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews this morning, the Chairman, Mr. F. J. Gellion, reported that business during the year under review had increased over 1946, and that there were good prospects for a large industrial power load being obtained in the future, to cope with which additional plant would be arranged for.

The Chairman said: You will note that your Directors recommend that the following appropriations should be made:—

To pay a dividend of \$2 per share on 146,438 shares, \$292,876;
To pay to the Government of Macao 5 per cent on the amount distributed as dividend in terms of Clause 15 of the Extension Contract, \$14,043.80; To transfer to General Reserve, \$250,000; To carry forward unappropriated, \$100,711.40. Total, \$658,231.20.

These recommendations have been incorporated in the accounts as presented.

The business during the year under review increased over 1946, and I am pleased to say that there are good prospects for a large industrial power load being obtained in the future, to cope with which additional plant will be arranged for.

The generating plant is in excellent shape and some further tension overhead mains have been put underground during the year and the work will continue until completed.

WAR LOSSES

The question of war period losses is still under way and I regret I cannot give any further details at the moment, but assure you that your Directors are doing everything possible to have this matter settled with the Macao authorities.

Our share register was destroyed in Hongkong during the war, but, fortunately, a duplicate was kept in Macao, and to check this, we have requested the shareholders either to notify the Secretaries or the Company the numbers of shares they are holding, also the numbers of the certificates. To enable final checking of the share register, it has been decided that, until we have heard from shareholders, the mailing of their dividend cheques will be withheld.

I now formally propose the adoption of the accounts ending November 3, 1947.

This was seconded by Mr. H. C. Margrett, and carried unanimously. The Chairman then proposed the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews; this was seconded by Mr. T. B. Wilson and carried unanimously.

Mr. N. G. Beale, proposed the re-election of Mr. K. P. Fletcher, as Director. This was seconded by Mr. J. B. Clague and carried unanimously.

Among those present were Messrs. F. J. Gellion (Chairman), N. G. Beale, (Director), D. B. Evans, (representing the Secretaries), and the following shareholders: Messrs. H. C. Margrett, T. B. Wilson, N. V. A. Croucher and J. B. Clague.

**PRISON FOR
HOUSEBREAKER**

Sentence of 18 months was imposed on Chan Yau, 30, coolie, by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning, for housebreaking at an unnumbered hut in Ivy Street, Talkokisui, on Monday.

Defendant was caught when the inmates of the hut returned to the premises after work and defendant was seen carrying off three pieces of bed boards from the hut after breaking the lock at the front door.

Defendant was recommended for banishment.

**New Territories
Arrest**

New Territories Police arrested a man on Monday at Unlong Creek, the locality of many robberies on junks, who had in his possession a rifle and ammunition. The same man is suspected of being connected with the armed robbery on April 3 when a Portuguese was robbed of his shot gun and ammunition while hunting in the New Territories.

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ORDERS BOOKED.

NOTICE

HONG KONG SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL

On and after June 1st, 1948 the two Casework Centres formerly at the back of the Old City Hall and in the Sanitary Department's building at Morrison Street will be found at the NEW SOCIAL WELFARE BUILDING in HOSPITAL ROAD (behind Sai Ying Pun Hospital).

MARRIAGE

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Roberts of Shanghai, wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Gloria Claire, to Henry James, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Oliver, of Shanghai, on Thursday, May 27, 1948. A reception will be held at 95 Robinson Road from 8.30 to 11 p.m. No invitation will be sent but all relatives and friends are cordially invited.

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ENGLAND'S TEST TRIAL TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Barnett And Young The Only Newcomers

London, May 25.—The teams for the Test trial match at Birmingham beginning June 2 were announced today as follows:

The England team is built around men who went to Australia in 1946-47. Nine of them are given places under the captaincy of Norman Yardley. Barnett, who only today found his true form, and Young, the left arm slow bowler, complete the team.

Broderick, the Northants slow left arm bowler, is the youngest player at 27, on either side.

The teams are:

ENGLAND
N. W. D. Yardley (Yorkshire) (Captain)
W. J. Edrich (Sussex)
C. J. Barnett (Gloucestershire)
J. Hardstaff (Nottinghamshire)
L. Hutton (Yorkshire)
C. Washbrook (Lancashire)
D. G. Compton (Sussex)
A. Bedser (Surrey)
T. Evans (Kent)
D. V. P. Wright (Kent)
J. A. Young (Sussex)

THE REST
F. R. Brown (Surrey) (Captain)
S. C. Griffiths (Sussex)
K. Cranston (Lancashire)
C. Palmer (Worcestershire)
L. Fishlock (Surrey)
A. Fagg (Kent)
W. H. Copson (Derbyshire)
H. J. Butler (Nottinghamshire)
J. D. Robertson (Sussex)
G. M. Emmett (Gloucestershire)
V. Broderick (Northants)

COUNTY CRICKET

London, May 25.—Worcestershire registered their first County championship win of the season at Worcester today, thanks to Howarth and Jenkins, whose leg spinners brought about a collapse in Surrey's second innings.

Cambridge University made Middlesex follow on 240 runs behind at Fenner's, but big partnerships for the first and second wickets dispelled all hopes of the University forcing a win over the County leaders.

A hurricane innings by Charlie Barnett paved the way for a glorious Gloucestershire triumph at Bristol against Yorkshire. Set to get 389 to win at an average of 80 runs an hour, Gloucestershire won easily with 42 minutes to spare. Powerful driving brought Barnett a six and 18 fours.

THE SCORES

The results of games which ended today were:
At Manchester: Lancashire drew with Hampshire, Lancashire 451 for 8 declared; Hampshire 271 and 311 for 6. (Arnold 55, Hill 68 not out, Bailey 59, Cager 67).

FINALIST



KCC's W. Gillies who will partner S. Saul in the Junior Doubles Badminton Final.

BASEBALL

Detroit Pitchers Give 22 Hits

New York, May 25.—In the American League, New York, shelling four Detroit pitchers for 22 hits in their biggest scoring spurge of the season, plastered the Tigers 16-5 without benefit of a single home run.

Every Yankee, but outfielder Joe DiMaggio and third baseman Will Johnson, got at least two hits. Seven hits were doubles. It was Vic Raschi's fourth victory of the season.

The score was:

New York..... R H E
Detroit..... 3 12 3
(Winning pitcher: Vic Raschi)

ON DISABLED LIST

New York, May 25.—Brooklyn Dodgers announced today that veteran relief pitcher Hugh Casey had been placed on the disabled list for 60 days, leaving the club with only seven pitchers. Casey fell down a flight of stairs at home on Sunday and suffered a sprained back.—United Press.

At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Surrey by 8 wickets. Worcestershire 353 for 9 declared and 80 for 2 (Cooper 53 not out); Surrey 188 and 244 (Fishlock 63, Squires 59).

At Hove: Leicestershire beat Sussex by 8 wickets. Leicestershire 237 and 98 (Walsh 7 for 27); Leicestershire 252 and 82 for one. At Cambridge: Cambridge University drew with Middlesex. Cambridge 303 for 8 declared; Middlesex 153 (Brown 60 not out, Urrahart 4 for 21) and 254 for 2 (Brown 63, Sharp 81, McIntosh 70 not out).

At Bristol: Gloucestershire beat Yorkshire by 6 wickets. Yorkshire 312 for 7 declared and 247 for 8 declared (Lester 110, Wilson 57, Goddard 5 for 80); Gloucestershire 171 and 302 for 4 (Barnett 141, Emmett 91, Crapp 58 not out).

At Birmingham: Warwickshire beat Essex by two wickets. Essex 228 and 174; Warwickshire 149 and 235 for 8.—Reuter.

BADMINTON

LAST NIGHT'S SEMI-FINALS

Last night's games at the Club de Recreo in the Badminton Championship semi-finals went very much to form though the Low and Vannar v. Tay and Hui encounter was decided on the best of three games.

The University pair were much the better combination and led 11-5 in the first game when Tay and Hui staged a surprise rally to take to points in a row.

The second game was close enough, though Low and Vannar kept the lead all through. They were only two points ahead at 12-10 but took three in a row for the game.

The third game saw the University players at their best running through easily to win at 15-5.

T. S. Young and W. F. Foo proved no match for Patrick Wong and C. Au and lost at 6-15, 5-15.

MIXED DOUBLES

The Mixed Doubles semi-final was also a one-sided affair that saw Robert Tay just a few minutes after a gruelling three-game struggle in the senior doubles semi-final, partner Miss Wilkie Cheung to an easy 15-6, 15-4 victory against Patrick Wong and Miss M. Ribeiro.

University's Low Kent Soo meets Robert Tay of Sing Tao at the Club de Recreo at 9 o'clock to-night in the postponed Senior Singles semi-final. There will be no admission charge.

"Suggsy" Will Not Turn Pro

Pinehurst, N. C. National amateur golf champion Louise Suggs says she is "definitely not interested" in turning professional at this time.

The affable Atlantan, feminine golfer's counterpart of Ben Hogan, admits there have been offers. Despite her determination to stay in the amateur ranks, however, she has definite opinions on women's professional golf.

She made them known while competing here in the 46th annual North and South women's tournament. She thinks that with proper organization, women's professional golf could be made a paying proposition.

HAS APPEAL

"For one thing," she explained, "women's golf has gallery appeal. Women just can't compete with men when it comes to power off the tee. Therefore, the pay-off is on finesse in the shorter game and on the greens. That can and does furnish the crowds with as much interest and excitement as the longer power game of the men."

"With proper supervision and an adequate series of tournaments, professional women's golf could make a go of it. However, there would have to be a definite series of tournaments and not a hit or miss arrangement."

The long-hitting successor to Babe Didrikson Zaharias is No. 1 amateur in the nation has been playing pressure golf since 1941.

"Suggsy" is the daughter of a Carrollton, Ga., golf professional but she says her dad unduly influenced her to concentrate on golf.

PROMOTION WORKER

She is a promotion worker for an Atlantic Oil Company, where she started work seven years ago as a clerk. She has a four-state territory which she covers in connection with her tournament trips.

TEST TRIAL TEAMS

ELMER RIDDLE'S ARM PAYS OFF



Elmer Riddle shows his new boss, Bing Crosby, that his once ailing arm is okay again. He pitched a two-hitter for the Pittsburgh Pirates to blank the Chicago Cubs, 3 to 0 at Pittsburgh. Slugger Ralph Kiner (first on left) got his first 1948 homer and Wally Westlake (extreme right) hit three out of four.—AP Wirephoto.

American Basketball Stars No Tower Of Terror To Europeans

The United States is favoured to win the Olympic basketball championship, but seven-foot Bob Kurland and his American teammates are no towers of terror to Europe.

Continental entries among the 27 nations in the cage tournament, at the Olympic Games here July 29 to August 14 are gearing themselves to give the Americans a battle for the title they won at Berlin in 1936.

"No doubt America will win," said William Browning of London, an authority on basketball ever here. "But it won't be a walkover. Europe takes its basketball very seriously. It's in all the schools, and village teams play each other, mostly outdoors."

BELGIUM FAST

"Belgium is very fast indeed," Browning said. "Most European

countries entered have picked their players and they are training hard. I predict they are going to make the American take notice of the fact that basketball in Europe has gone up a long way since the United States won at Berlin in 1936."

Russia, which has the best team in Europe, won't be here—unless it makes a last-minute entry. The Soviets, who have a reputation for

being Johnny-come-lately, bagged the European championship last year at Prague, the first time they entered.

They won six straight games, scoring an average of 51 points to 28 for their opposition. In the final they drubbed Czechoslovakia, 1940 European champion, 66-37.

The list of nations which have entered basketball includes:

Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Britain, Hungary, Italy, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Poland, Philippines, Rumania, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Uruguay, United States, and Yugoslavia.

MAY BE MORE

There may be one or two more since a handful of countries invited to the Olympics have not yet replied. "Already there are five more than competed at Berlin," basketball was placed on the Olympic programme as an international sport for the first time.

Lou Wilke, chairman of the United States Olympic basketball committee, predicted recently that Canada, Argentina, and Czechoslovakia would provide the most competition for the Americans in London. Canada was runner-up to the United States in 1936, with Mexico third and Poland fourth.

Only one court will be used in London's Harringay Arena and games will go on from morning to night, July 30 to August 13.

The game lasted 4 hours and 45 minutes and went to 38 moves. Karpovich had to produce his best defensive play to avert defeat in what could have been the biggest upset of the season.

R. W. Carter, whose game is rapidly improving, kept the pressure on Birdkoff through a long Slav Defence to the QGD and had a superior position despite being a pawn down when he slipped up badly with an elementary error that lost the game. It was the second time in two weeks that he had lost the same way.

In other games, D. E. de Carvalho beat J. V. Tausz, V. V. Kolatchoff beat Jacob Ramler and Karel Weiss beat A. Archangelsky.

The latest standings are:

COLONY TOURNEY

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
K. M. A. Barnett	5	2	2	1	3
L. Schure	5	1	3	1	2 1/2
J. de Carvalho	5	1	3	1	2 1/2
F. K. Segal	5	1	3	1	2 1/2
Ray Danenberg	5	1	3	1	2 1/2
P. K. Prokopov	5	1	3	1	2 1/2

RESERVE TOURNEY

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
D. E. de Carvalho	3	3	0	0	3
L. Karpovich	4	3	0	1	3
Jacob Ramler	4	3	0	1	3
A. Birdkoff	2	2	0	2	2
Karel Weiss	3	2	0	2	2
R. W. Carter	4	2	0	2	2
J. V. Tausz	4	2	0	2	2
A. Archangelsky	4	2	0	2	2
V. N. Danneff	4	2	0	2	2
Arthur Gomes	3	1	0	2	1
V. V. Kolatchoff	4	1	0	3	1
S. Shave	3	1	0	2	1
R. Segal	4	0	0	4	0

"Carvalho and Ramler have each taken a point on walk-overs and Dounaef has taken two. Shave and Segal have each conceded two points on walk-overs."

BLACKPOOL LOSE

Copenhagen, May 25.—Copenhagen beat the English Football Association Cup finalists Blackpool by two goals to one here today.

Blackpool led by 1-0 at half-time.—Reuter.

Brazilian Soccer Star Critically Hurt

Genoa, May 25.—The Brazilian soccer star, Davide Curti, of the Italian Genoa team was reported to be in "critical condition" today after suffering a brain concussion in Sunday's football game against Bari.

Curti attempted to stop Giulio Pellucchi of the Bari eleven, but was upset and felt "so dizzy" that he left the field.

His condition did not seem serious, however, until he fainted in his locker room. Curti was rushed to hospital where doctors determined the extent of injury.—United Press.

OXFORD-CAMBRIDGE MEET SHOWS UP OLYMPIC HOPES

First view of Britain's track and field athletes in this important Olympic year came when Oxford defeated Cambridge so overwhelmingly in the recent inter-varsity sports. The 83-43 gave Oxford the biggest marginal win since the present scoring system was introduced ten years ago. It also gave British fans a reassurance that the two senior universities will continue to be a fruitful source of Olympic talent.

Outstanding British Olympic prospect was John Wilkinson, a 19-year-old Oxford undergraduate who, last summer in Paris, won the world students' 100 and 200 metres championships. During the winter Wilkinson forsook his normal pastime of Rugby football, at which he is also outstanding, and received special training from the English Amateur Athletic Association's coach, George Pallett.

The result is a vastly improved Wilkinson with his ragged jerky action gone and a stylish well-balanced rhythm, replacing it. He now maintains perfect leg-drive from start to finish and Mr Jack Crump, Britain's team manager, is so pleased that he confidently predicts Wilkinson as one of the six Olympic finalists.

COMPARE FAVOURABLY

In the inter-varsity sports Wilkinson's times were 10.1 sec. for the 100 yards and 22.5 sec. for the 400 yards. These may not sound impressive to students of Olympic form and they do not compare favourably with the best American performances but they are exceptionally good when taking into account that in each case Wilkinson had an easy winning margin and that conditions at the White City, London, on a chilly March afternoon are not conducive to fast times.

Another athlete who impressed was Roger Bannister, a miller with a long, raking but easy stride who won as he pleased in 4 min. 23.4 sec. This is not a great deal outside the times turned in by Jack Lovelock in his wins during the years 1932-34.

Bannister was the surprise of last year's inter-varsity meet when, in the mile in 4 min. 30.8 sec. He was later invited to join Britain's Olympic "possibles", but declined because he feels that at 10 years of age he is too young for top-grade international competition. The Olympics at Helsinki, Finland, in 1952 are his objective.

Douglas Steel, of Oxford, who has been coached by Mr E. J. Holt in his off-duty hours from directing the organization of the Olympic Games, showed up well in his first year among the seniors and won the 880 yards in 1 min. 59.4 sec. while Raymond Barkway would have added the 220 yards low hurdles race to his 120 yards high win had he not crashed at the last hurdle when leading by at least eight yards. Barkway's time for the 120 yards high event was 15.6 sec. and the low was won in 26.8 sec. by C. Brereton, of Cambridge.

BUSY ATHLETE

Busiest athlete of the day was Ivar Vind, the Danish President of Cambridge. He high-jumped, collected his toes, took his turn in the pole vault, went back again to clear the next height in the high jump; and then returned to pole vault. After he had won both he proceeded to the discus ring and won that event.

His three victories earned more than a third of Cambridge's total score, but perhaps Vind's greatest distinction was clearing 6 ft. 3 in. in the high jump thereby breaking an inter-varsity record that had stood for 72 years. Vind's winning effort in the pole vault was 10 ft. 6 in. and in the discus throw, 131 ft. 11 1/2 in.

Next busiest athlete was the Oxford President, Peter Wallis. A South African from Rhodes University, Grahamstown, Wallis rates the second best quarter miler in Britain today and therefore he had little difficulty in winning the 440 yards in a time of 49 sec. Previously he turned out in the furlong and had an advantage of 12 yards over the nearest Cambridge man when finishing 2 1/2 yards behind Wilkinson.

Wallis, by the way, is likely to be invited to join the South African team coming to London for the Olympic Games but says he will have to decline. He takes his final examinations at Oxford in July and cannot spare the time for athletic training.

Three other overseas athletes on the Oxford team, in addition to

WOMEN'S SINGLES

In the women's singles play-off, all worked out according to plan for the four top-seeded players, who won through to the semi-finals.

Madame Nelly Landry, of France, beat Miss Ann Prentiss, of America, 6-4 and 6-3, thus earning the right to meet Pat Todd, present holder of the championship, who beat Italy's Madame A. Bossi on a forfeit. Madame Bossi was forced to scratch because of illness.

The other player to enter the semi-finals is Miss Doris Hart, American star, seeded No. 1, who defeated her compatriot Miss Helen Ribbany, 6-3, 6-3.

Miss Hart will meet Miss Shirley Fry, also an American, in the semi-finals. Miss Fry beat Madame H. Weiss, of Argentina, 6-3, 7-5.

In the mixed doubles play-off, Yugoslavia's D. Mitic and America's Miss A. Prentiss hurdled the third round by defeating India's Subh Shawney and Mrs A. D. McKelvie, of Britain, by 7-5, 6-1.—Reuter.

INDIAN THROUGH

London, May 25.—K. B. Madan of India entered the third round of the men's singles in the Surrey grass courts championships at Surbiton today when he beat Bobby Thom, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.—Reuter.

Malaya For Athletic Meet

By RALPH MODDER

In less than ten months from now, athletes and sportsmen in the Federation of Malaya and Singapore will have an excellent opportunity of placing this country on the sports map of the world, when the Amateur Athletic Federation of India holds its Asian Athletic meet in New Delhi next February.

This is perhaps what our athletes and sportsmen have been waiting for—some really big sports event in this part of the world at which they can show what Malaya can do.

It has been in the minds of some of our more progressive sporting officials to hold a similar meet in Singapore or in the Federation next year, though the prospect of a suitable stadium was as remote as the chance of there being sufficient finance to organise such a meet.

However, India has taken the lead—and a lead off our shoulders.

EARLY YET

It may be a little early to think of our prospects in India next year, but it is a fact that Malaya has plenty of talent to be developed, and we must start organising now.

Sufficient time must be given for the training of our representatives and the planning of a Malaya

Singapore A.A.A. met to be combined with inter-state tournaments for football, hockey, boxing, weightlifting, badminton, swimming and tennis.

FINANCE PROBLEM

Another problem will be the question of finance. We have seen the difficulty which the Malayan Chinese met with in sending their contingent to the China National Games and also the task the Singapore Olympic and Sports Council is having at present in raising sufficient funds to send its representatives, whoever they may be, to the World Olympics.

We shall perhaps have only one representative from Singapore to the World Olympics in London—Singapore's high jump champion, Lioyd Valberg; but it is a start.

The next best thing, apart from the Olympics is the Asian Athletic Meet—let's go to it.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Frankly, I'm beginning to think you're just plain lazy!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Big Hand Provides A Lot of Arguments

None	QJ876	AK432
QJ108	W	10
10754	E	AK86
3	S	5432
AK	D	
AK1095		
AK72		
AK		
Q		

Tournament—Both vul.

South	West	North	East
2	Pass	4	Pass
6	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening—V-Q 10

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

YOU can get into an argument on today's hand, starting right off with South's opening bid. Should he open with two spades or one spade? Personally I prefer the two spade bid because I use the ace-showing responses to a two-bid and I would like to know if my partner has the ace of clubs.

The next argument, should North bid two no trump or raise spades? If they were using the ace-showing system, as that bid would show the ace of spades. Should he bid four spades? While I do not think anyone would criticise the bid in this case, with most players four spades would show good trump support and, also either a singleton or a king and one.

If North had bid two no trump, do you think that East should pass? He should not pass, especially over two no trump. It might prove important for West, his partner, to know that clubs should be led.

When West failed to open a club it looked as if declarer would have no trouble making seven. The natural way to go about it was to cash the ace and king of hearts, then ace and king of diamonds, then South might discard the queen of clubs on the queen of diamonds.

But if he did he would not even make six, because the second heart and second diamond would be trumped and the ace of clubs cashed. South should realise that danger and should pull three rounds of trumps.

On the first and second trumps West discarded two diamonds, but if he had discarded the five of hearts on the third trump, declarer would have had no trouble in establishing the heart suit.

The only way the contract could be held to six was for West to discard the nine of clubs on the third trump.

Check Your Knowledge

1. What is the complete title of the play by Shakespeare commonly called "Othello"?
2. What is a magnum?
3. In music what is the meaning of crescendo?
4. Loente Lapland.
5. What people invented the lasso?
6. In what part of the body is marrow found?

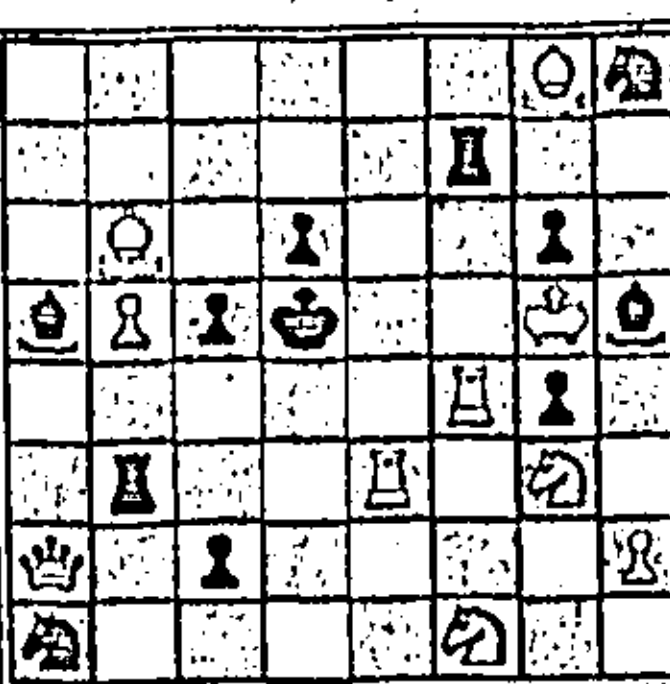
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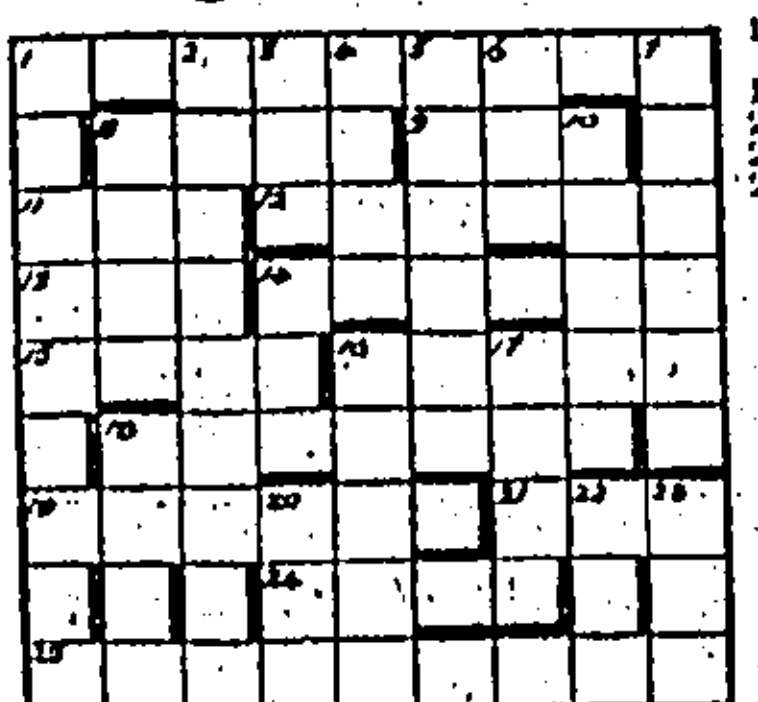
CHESSE PROBLEM

By I. NEUMANN
Black, 12 pieces.White, 10 pieces.
White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-Q4; threat 2. R-KB1 (ch); 1. Kt-Q8; 2. R-KB1 (ch); 1. Kt-Q8; 2. R-KB1 (ch).

CROSSWORD



1. and 11. Friday he was well cared for (10).

2. You can make a meal of him (4).

3. Little button was screened (3).

4. Many a one is laid up nowadays (13).

5. Conveyance (10).

6. Faint of sorts (5).

7. Beds or commodes (10).

8. A change from amen (4).

9. Clear-cut ornament (5).

10. Tell me, why the climber may be too well fed to split on it (7).

11. Amatory (6).

12. The age of verandahs (3).

13. Found in the home network (4).

14. Speed road (10).

15. Introduce favourably (10).

16. Two obstacles and nothing between us (10).

17. The bad part of a shilling (5).

18. Approach (4).

19. A horse and a footman (10).

20. Beyond the prime (3).

21. Sea of clouds (4).

22. The cat's mother (4).

23. Fears the charges (5).

24. Briefly the condition of a country (10).

25. Mine for a change (4).

26. Iron (4).

27. Mine for a change (4).

28. Followed by amber (10).

29. Once upon a time (10).

YOUR BIRTHDAY

EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

BORN today, you have an extremely alert and active mind. You are a fine student and should be able to make honours easily. Be careful that your ease in learning does not make you careless of important detail. Science and mathematics probably will be the two subjects in which you men will surpass. Both these can be put to use in a career during your adult life, too.

You women are excellent managers and will make fine homemakers. You are naturally good and efficient. You like people and you will want your home to be the centre of the social activity in your neighbourhood. Because of your great energy, you will be able to get a lot done without too much lost motion and most people will wonder how to manage so much in so little time. This seemingly effortless management of your own home will make you a popular hostess.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—A good day to anticipate that promised promotion if you have earned it. Put your case before the boss.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Watch for a business pick-up and an improvement in the romance department, as well as Sun is shining more brightly again.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you are diplomatic in handling personal affairs, then no problems of any importance will arise just now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Confer with the boss or those in authority on a new project. Get matters settled to your entire satisfaction.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—You can make an important advance in your work if you use your initiative and secure the good-will of your associates.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A good day for merchandising but one in which you should guard against emotional upset. Be patient and calm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You can be confident of reasonably good returns today, so have full confidence in all you do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A good day for opening a new shop, starting a new business, confer with partners on new plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A change for the better is definitely noticeable, so be alert to all new opportunities for advancement.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A powerful day for activity along all important lines of endeavour. Get a new plan in full motion now.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—One of those so-so days. Keep moving to hold your head above water, but don't try to swim against the tide.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Events are about to turn very strongly in your favour, so be prepared to take full advantage of all opportunities.

MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

CHRIST STOPPED AT EBOLI
By Carlo Levi
(Cassell, 9/6)

A PART from the firing squad and the concentration camp, dictators have novel methods of liquidating opposition. In 1935 when Mussolini defied the League of Nations and sent his troops to blast their way to the Abyssinian capital of Addis Ababa, there was one Carlo Levi, a painter, doctor and writer, who did not approve. He said so and for his trouble was exiled to a "Stone Age" village in Lucania, a primitive province in Southern Italy.

Down in that barren region, the peasant "lives out his motionless civilisation in remote poverty, and in the presence of death."

"We're not Christians," they declare. "Christ stopped short here, at Eboli. And Eboli, it should be noted, is many miles to the north of that village to which anti-Fascist Carlo Levi was banished."

He found his new neighbours were no better than wretched beasts of burden, left without hope and knowing neither sin nor redemption from sin.

"Christ Stopped at Eboli" is a moving chronicle of the author's experiences as a political prisoner amongst these creatures of the wild. It is also a plea that something should be done to rescue them from their moral and physical disease, and from a world ruled by magic, before Communism steps in.

It is, perhaps, a test of one's credulity to read of the lives led by these gloomy, obstinate and superstitious peasant folk. Typical of these was Gullia Venera, the woman who cleaned and cooked for him in his exile house. She was 41 years old and had survived seven pregnancies brought about by fifteen different men. "She was," says the author, "like the beasts, a spirit of the earth." But she was also feared because of her skill in the art of making philtres and love potions to give young girls.

She was, in fact, a sorceress who found it easy to wield immense power amongst people steeped in beliefs such as that which brought fear for men—werewolves—who roamed the neighbouring hills at night in search of human victims.

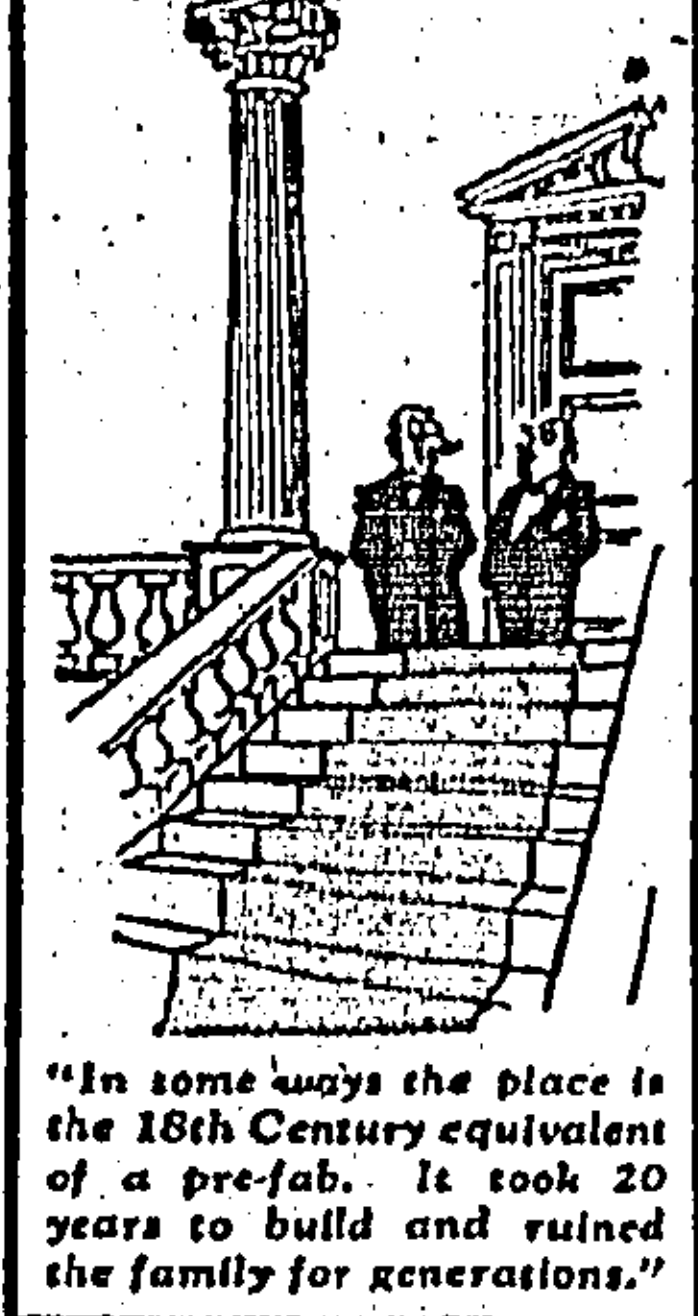
BYRON
By C. E. Vulliamy
(Michael Joseph, 15/-)

WAS Byron a sensual egotist whose life is mainly interesting because of his fervent and lawless amoralistic adventures? Some would say "Yes," but his latest biographer is sceptical of that viewpoint.

"Women," contends Vulliamy, "were certainly of the utmost importance to Byron, not only as instruments of passion, but also as accessories of pride and revolt. . . . Those who think of him merely as a voluminous though inferior poet and a fervent though unprincipled lover have surely failed to understand an exceedingly complex, variable and energetic nature."

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE last block of stone was used to make a bust of Bonaparte. Then the gloomy Hirst was sent out for more. The critics, amazed at the interest of the public in sculpture, prophesied that a renaissance of art was at hand, and suggested that the exhibits at the Plumptre Gallery should form a travelling exhibition. But Foulencourt, whose business motto, like that of the whale which swallowed Jonah, is large profits and quick returns, rejected the suggestion with contempt. "Far better that the people should purchase these beautiful things for their homes," he said.

A second helping of stone

"MORE stone?" said the monumental mason. "Dyin' like flies up there, aren't you?" "I told you," said the gloomy porter. "It's not, not death." "Well," said the mason, "what do they do with it?" "The boss whacks it with a hammer," said the porter, "and then 'e shoves it in the gallery, an' the people what comes in laughs at it." "Runnin' a madhouse, eh?" said the mason. "I told you," said the porter, "and all that." "Well, then," said the mason, "what?" "Busts," said the porter, "busts!" "Busts!" repeated the mason in disgust. "Ju mean busts? Tell you what, you'll 'ave the piece in one o' these fine days."

Left among the hats

Asked why he had returned to the house, he said he had left a pair of shoes on the hallstand.

(Morning paper.)

"G" commented a well-known printer, "that's swell." Meanwhile, willing hands helped the two men to get on from the hallstand. "We did feel foolish," giggled the smaller of the two. "You were foolish," replied a passer-by, with singular lack of courtesy.

A cavalymen will ride anything

(Weekly paper.)

I knew a cavalymen who rode anything. Who danned his best jodhpurs To ride a towel-horse round the town.

He'd touch it with his spurs, Crying "Come up there, pretty one. And let us charge the foe," While his sweetheart hung around his neck, And would not let him go.

Here we come galloping gally. Lancers all in a row, etc., etc., etc.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. "Othello, the Moor of Venice." 2. A large wine bottle. 3. A gradual increase in volume of sound. 4. Lapland is a section in western Europe made up of the Arctic regions of Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia. 5. The American Indians. 6. Marrow is a fatty substance enclosed in the interior of the bones.

NEW YORK METAL MARKET

New York, May 25.—Antimony, American 90% percent grade in bulk of carload lots, F.O.B. Texas \$0.25.

Tin, grade "A" (99.8 percent or higher) \$0.04.

Tungsten, powdered (in dollars per lb. to 50 percent) \$2.50.

Short ton unit—one containing 2,000 lbs. of metal, F.O.B. New York \$123.31—United Press.

Lending Agency's Life Extended

Washington, May 25.—President Truman today signed a bill extending the present law the agency would have expired on June 30. The new act permits it to continue lending operations until June 30, 1954.

The capital stock of the I.R.C. was cut to \$100,000,000 from \$133,000,000. The new law authorizes the agency to buy up to \$10,000,000 worth of preferred stocks of insurance companies. It also provides that whenever accumulated net income exceeds \$50,000,000, the balance must be paid into the Treasury.

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local official exchange market this morning at the following rates:

Chinese dollars (per CN\$1 m.) 426

Sterling notes (per £1) 14.40

U.S. dollars (per US\$1) 22.00

Philippine (per 100) 10.80

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FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Heavy Selling Of Cotton Ended

New York, May 25.—Heavy selling of cotton futures which took place yesterday disappeared today, although prices were still under the previous close. Exception was nearby July delivery which was relatively steady on small demand that met with limited offerings.

HONGKONG SHARES

A slight slackening off in prices was registered by most of the popular issues on the Stock Exchange this morning. However, Cements and Watsons maintained the advances previously recorded.

Turnover totalled \$478,200. Transactions and noon prices follow:

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Confusion prevailed in the market after the noon session over the export situation and favourable crop reports, as a result of which the market turned weaker.

Price closed two points higher to 17 points lower. Many operators chose the sidelines, awaiting a clearer picture of the export situation.

The market closed as follows: Spot (in cents per lb.) 20.45 nominal

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IMPORTANT STERLING TRENDS DEVELOPING London Discussions Arranged

London, May 25.—With Indian and Pakistan delegates on their way here this week to negotiate a longer-term (though still not final) arrangement on their sterling balances, some important new trends are developing in both official and unofficial attitudes toward the sterling area.

These are affected by attitudes in Washington as to the conditions, if any regarding sterling and the sterling area that should be laid down in the bilateral Anglo-American agreement for European Recovery Programme aid to Britain.

Their influence will outlast both the Anglo-American bilateral agreement and the impending sterling agreements with India and Pakistan, because the United States Aid Administrator, Mr. Paul Hoffman, is establishing a "continuing committee" of United States bankers to advise him on such subjects, not only now but also in the future.

CAUGHT BETWEEN FIRES

In previous negotiations with India both sides have in fact tried hard to understand and meet the other's viewpoint. Latest utterances by British officials, however, are evidently reflecting their sensitivity to criticism, not only in Britain but even more in Washington. Mr. P. H. Whitehall, who can do more about it than any other official, has been putting up a remarkably good case for India, so good that the Indian and Pakistan negotiations, when they arrive, will find much of their brief ready-made for them by the other side.

This agreement on fundamentals will narrow the area of dispute which will require negotiation, and it is less unrealistic than it may sound. Ever since the Anglo-American loan agreement laid down its scheme for settling sterling balances—which included scaling down—it has appeared that Britain and India had a certain common cause against Washington as well as an area of dispute between themselves.

BANKER AND TRUSTEE
High British officials have thus been emphasizing, perhaps more frankly than ever before, that the Bank of England's gold and dollar reserves are the reserves of the whole sterling area, for whom Britain acts as banker and trustee, and not the reserves of Britain alone.

They have been built up by the gold and dollar earnings of the entire sterling area. Thus the British Treasury itself has pointed out that while critics in Washington and Britain complain at the drawings on them by other members of the sterling area, the latter could equally complain at the large proportion spent by one member of the sterling area alone, namely Britain.

Of the gold and dollar drain of \$1,023 million in 1947, £677 million was identifiable for account of Britain alone, and some part of the remainder was unidentifiable so.

The Economic Secretary to the British Treasury has frankly admitted that India and the other members of the sterling area would be entitled to ask whether this is fair from their viewpoint.

TOPICAL CAUSE
Besides the Treasury's general desire to enlighten Washington, this new-found frankness may have a more topical cause. There is strong reason to believe that in the last couple of months the drain on account of overseas sterling countries has fallen, but that this has been at least partly offset by a bigger drain for Britain's own sharply increased deficit of visible trade.

It has been officially stated that the outflow of gold and dollars on account of other parts of the sterling area has been "very much lower" in the last two months than in January and February, as the measures to limit this drain took time to mature.

Results which Britain hoped to see in January and February appeared, in fact, in April. But simultaneously, Britain's own visible deficit in March and April was far bigger than in January and February, and far bigger than Whitehall expected.

Since the relevant figures are in future to be published only quarterly, one will not know until July how these conflicting forces have affected the aggregate drain. But meanwhile, until Britain's own external balance can be rectified, this development naturally makes Whitehall sensitive and rather anxious.—Reuter.

"STATE HOTEL" GUESTS
London, May 25.—Members of the Indian and Pakistan delegations to the Sterling Balance talks in London will be the first guests

at two superbly-fitted eight-storey "state hotels," which the British Government opens this week.

The hotels are near Hyde Park, in London's fashionable Mayfair district. The delegations will have their own separate entrances and will live entirely apart.

Conversion of the buildings from wartime Government offices was speeded up so that they would be ready for the Indian and Pakistan visitors. In 14 days—a "miracle of speed," according to Government Hospitality Chief Sir Eric Crankshaw—bare and ink-stained offices transformed by bright chintzes, thick carpets, deep armchairs and art reproductions.

A staff of 55, with a former West End hotelier in charge, will take care of the guests and the kitchens will be able to provide world-wide varieties of food.

The Government has opened its "hospitality hotels" because private hotel accommodation, already overstrained, could not have coped with the additional demands of Olympic Games visitors.

They are to operate for one year; then a decision on their future will be taken in the light of the accommodation position at that time.—Reuter.

CLOTHES RATIONING RELIEF
London, May 25.—Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, said today that it was the Government's ambition to allow an increase in the size of British newspapers "as early as possible"—certainly in 1949—if that could be done without a sacrifice of food and raw materials and a further drain on gold and dollars.

The present size of newspapers is four pages. Mr. Wilson said the Government's aim was a paper of four pages one day and a six-page paper the next.

Mr. Wilson said it was clear that most war supplies of newspapers in all countries could enable the current rates of consumption in Britain to be fully covered, even if an increase proved impossible.

RATIONING CONCESSION
Mr. Wilson also announced concessions in the severe clothing rationing applied in Britain for the last seven years.

Everyone is to be given a special bonus of 12 additional clothing coupons. Ties, gloves, and women's rayon seamless stockings will no longer be rationed, and there will be permanent cuts in the number of coupons needed for some clothes—including women's half-lined woolen coats and men's underclothes.

He also announced that some curtain fabrics will in future be free of rationing and large bedsheets will require fewer coupons.

He declared the supply position did not justify complete abolition of clothes rationing.—Reuter.

Touch On Those With Tummies

London, May 25.—The plight of stout Britons who are unable to buy large-sized bathing trunks was aired in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Maurice Hollis (Cons.) asked Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, if he were aware that only one pair of outside bathing trunks was manufactured for every four medium-sized pairs.

Mr. Hollis pointed out that there were only 2½ medium-sized to one stout Briton.

Mr. Wilson said he had no control over also ranges produced by manufacturers.—United Press.

Britain's Use Of ERP Aid Questioned

Washington, May 25.—The Senate Appropriations Committee today demanded a report on whether Britain is using American Recovery dollars to aid Arabs in their war against Jews in Palestine.

The Economic Co-operation Administration (ECA), Paul Hoffman, was asked to make a report as soon as possible and he promised to do so.

Mr. Hoffman was a witness before the committee which is considering appropriations for ERP.

The question of British aid to Arabs was first raised in the Senate on May 21 by Senator Owen Brewster, Republican, Maine. He wanted to know how such aid is related to the ECA programme financed by the United States.

Mr. Hoffman indicated that the ECA will adopt a tough policy toward Argentina on prices of food and goods it wants to sell under the plan.

He said that no arrangements will be made for paying for supplies from Argentina until price agreements are reached with the Argentine Government.—Associated Press.

Death Of Famed "Q" Ship Capt.
London, May 25.—Commodore Sir Charles George Matheson, World War I "mystery ship" commander and last man to sink a German U-boat in that war, died in London on Monday. He was 72.

Matheson's ship, the "Q10", roamed the sea lanes disguised as a rusty old tramp steamer. False U-boat's white ensign and the British Navy's white ensign and a battery of heavy guns to investigating enemy warships.

Sir George was Commodore of the Orient Line until 1939 when he retired after 50 years at sea.—Associated Press.

Princess Elizabeth An Hon. DCL

Oxford, May 26.—Princess Elizabeth received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Civil Law today from Oxford University.

The Princess can now add DCL to her name and may attend all official ceremonies at the 800-year old university.

The Princess, accompanied by Her Lady-in-waiting, Lady Margaret Edgerton, arrived early today on her first visit to Oxford. She was escorted with members of the University in Brasenose College before attending the presentation ceremony in the old Sheldonian Theatre where the Vice-Chancellor of the University conferred the degree on her. She wore the traditional black gown and cap.

In a short speech the Princess thanked the Vice-Chancellor and all university members for the "honour" they had done her in conferring her with "this most coveted distinction."

POWERFUL FORTRESSES
The Princess said: "We live in an age when the ready-made museums of the theatre absorb our leisure and leave no time for those more abiding pleasures of mind which only hard work and concentrated effort can procure. In this sense universities are powerful fortresses against the tide of sloth, ignorance and materialism."

After the ceremony, Princess Elizabeth went on a sightseeing tour of four other colleges and saw which are Queen Wilhelmina, King Haakon of Norway, General Dwight Eisenhower, Admiral Stark, General Earl Spang and General Mark Clark.—United Press.

BAO DAI GOING TO LONDON
Saigon, May 25.—Bao Dai, ex-Emperor of Annam, will leave here for London by plane on June 5, according to a member of the Emperor's staff.

We will also visit Geneva and, if invited by the French Government, Paris.

Before leaving, he will see M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner in Indo-China, and General Nguyen Xuan, Premier of South Viet Nam.—Reuter.

Only Half What Is Needed Available
Washington, May 25.—Rice exports during 1948 will meet only just half of the needs of rice-consuming countries. It was disclosed today when recommendations made by the International Emergency Food Committee of the Council of the Food and Agricultural Organization showed 3,100,000 metric tons of rice were available for export.

Import requirements of rice-consuming areas, as reported to the IFEC, totalled 6,110,100 tons for 1948.—Reuter.

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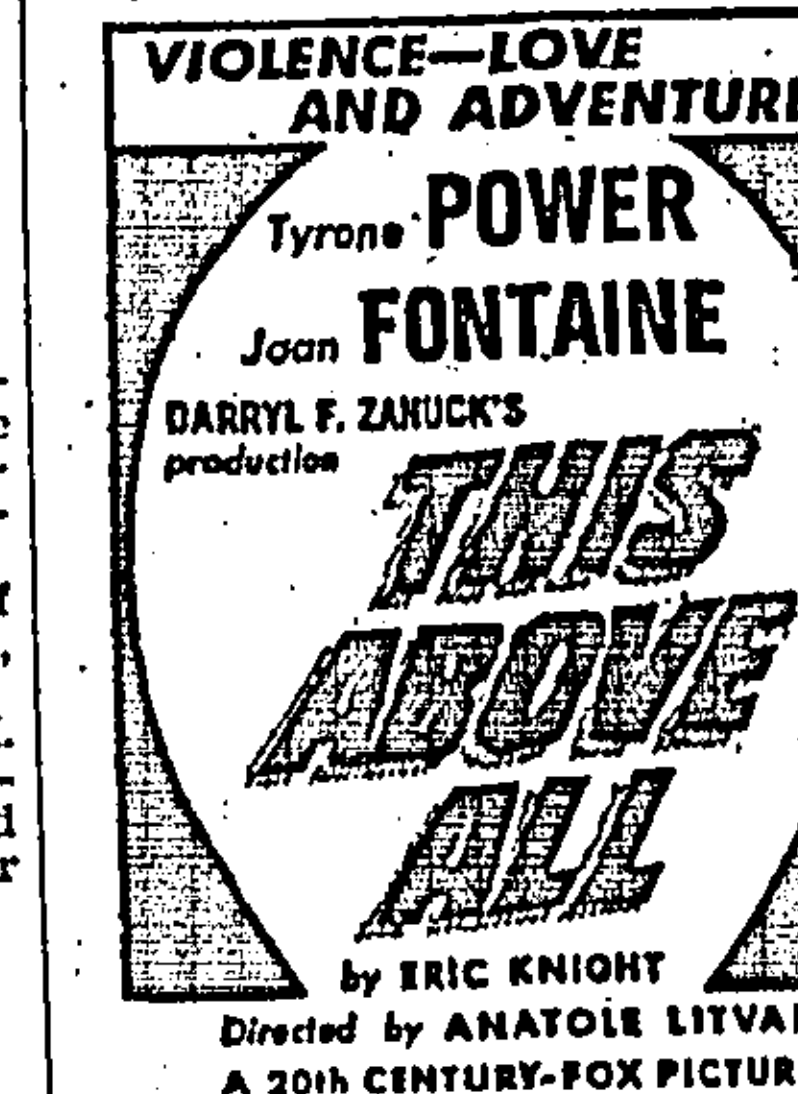
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